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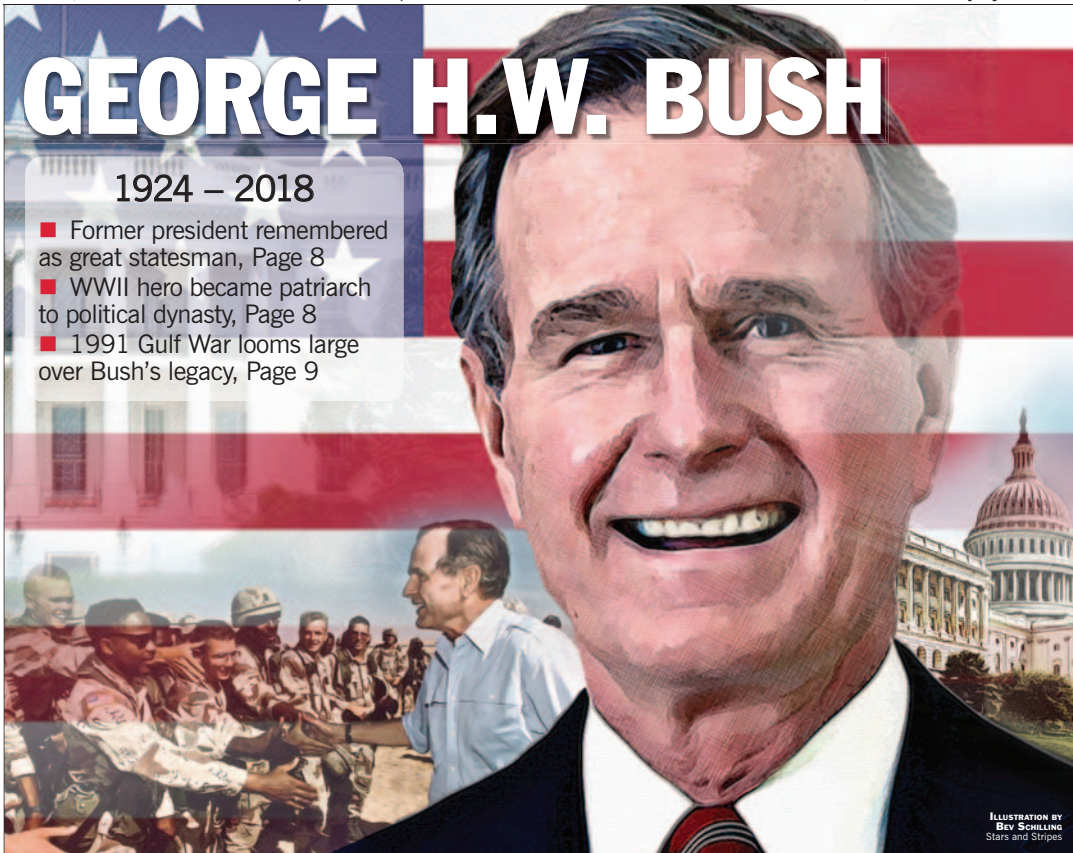


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## Navy's top Middle East commander found dead in Bahrain

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The commander of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and the 5th Fleet was found dead Saturday in Bahrain, the Navy announced.

Vice Adm. Scott Stearny, 58, was found in his quarters, Chief of Naval Op-

erations Adm. John Richardson said in a statement.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service and the Bahraini Ministry of Interior are investigating but no foul play is suspected, Richardson said.

He described Stearny as a "decorated

naval warrior" and a "devoted husband and father."

"This is devastating news for the Stearny family, for the team at Fifth Fleet, and for the entire Navy," Richardson said.

Rear Adm. Paul Schlise, the deputy commander of the 5th Fleet, has assumed

command and "is maintaining continuity in our responsibilities and posture in the U.S. 5th Fleet," Richardson said.

Stearny took command of the 5th Fleet in May after Adm. John Aquilino moved on to command the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

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# MILITARY

## New fuel card program in Italy kicks off Jan. 1

By SCOTT WYLAND  
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NAPLES, Italy — Gas rationing in Italy is about to enter the 21st century.

Service members and Defense Department employees in Italy will start the new year buying gasoline with debit cards, which will replace the gas coupons used here since World War II.

The cards will be available Monday at Navy Exchange, AAFES and MWR outlets but won't be activated until Jan. 1. Anyone who uses the cards before then will be charged the full Italian fuel pump price and taxes, which adds up to roughly 60 percent more than rationed gas.

Cards are more convenient, more secure if lost or stolen and prevent abuses such as users sell-

ing surplus coupons on the black market, Navy officials said.

"The NATO tax-free gas card program allows an increased level of oversight and monitoring that includes reduced risks for fraud, misuse and fuel overages," said Lt. Tim Pietrack, spokesman for Navy Region Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia, which oversees gas rationing for the U.S. military in Italy.

About 38 million gallons of fuel are sold yearly through the gas-rationing program in Italy for an estimated \$70 million.

The cards can be used only at ENI service stations, Pietrack said. The gas ration will remain the same amount, but instead of pre-paying for gas at military stores, as is done with coupons, the full monthly ration will be

available on the cards, he said.

Each purchase will be deducted from the card and an electronic receipt emailed. If drivers buy more than the monthly ration, they will be charged the full pump price for the overage.

They also will be charged full price if they buy diesel on a card designated for regular gasoline and vice versa.

Unused rations don't roll over to the next month, Pietrack said, adding that the ration is the same each month.

The lack of rollover was the main complaint about the new fuel cards among commenters on a Naples Facebook page Saturday.

"With the coupons I could save my liters from not traveling in winter, and I could use them in



Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Fuel cards will replace gas-rationing coupons on Jan. 1 for U.S. servicemembers and Defense Department employees throughout Italy.

the spring and summer," said Lori Ann Deckert Davis, a sailor's spouse. "This new system means I can't save my unused liters. So I'm penalized for not driving enough."

The cards will allow drivers to buy gas at self-service pumps rather than requiring an attendant to pump the fuel as the coupons do so drivers can get gas when stations are closed at night or during the three-hour midday break known as "riproso," Pietrack said.

Sliding a card through a reader is much simpler than the current system of signing, dating and writing down the car's license plate on each coupon — and often

a half-dozen coupons are needed for one gas purchase.

The change to plastic from paper comes more than a decade after a similar switch for U.S. forces in Germany. In 2006, the German Finance Ministry requested eliminating the gas coupons because they'd been counterfeited, sold, stolen and otherwise mishandled.

ENI requested that the military switch to fuel cards, so a test program was done to see how well the cards worked, and they proved to be a viable alternative, Pietrack said.

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### Correction

A Nov. 30 article on rabies exposure had an incorrect headline. The headline should have said that the increase in the number of Germany-based troops who may have been exposed to rabies in 2016 occurred during exercises in Eastern Europe and Egypt, not in Germany. Germany has been declared rabies-free.

## Top jobs split as 2 take over at US Forces Japan

By SETH ROBSON  
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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — U.S. Forces Japan and the 5th Air Force have a new senior enlisted leader and a new command chief, respectively, at their headquarters in western Tokyo.

Chief Master Sgt. Terrence Greene, who had been taking on both roles, handed them off to

Chief Master Sgt. Richard Winegardner Jr., who will serve as the USFJ senior enlisted leader, and Chief Master Sgt. Brian Kruszelnick, who will be the 5th Air Force command chief.

It's the first time the jobs have been split, according to USFJ commander Lt. Gen. Jerry Martinez, who presided over Wednesday's change-of-responsibility ceremony at Yokota.

"We have witnessed the security environment change drastically in the past two years," he said in a statement posted on the 5th Air Force website. "The threats around Japan have grown extremely fast, so now is the time to ensure we have laser-focused attention not only on the readiness of our joint forces, but also [working together] with and among the Japanese enlisted joint forces."

Winegardner has served with V Corps, XVIII Airborne Corps and Army Special Operations Command. Kruszelnick has served all over the Air Force and has a wide breadth of experience from training and mobility to intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance and space operations, Martinez said.

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## MILITARY



**Above:** Members of the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, of Tennessee, deployed in Ukraine last week. **Right:** A Ukrainian soldier fires a paintball gun during the competition.

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# Guardsmen, Ukrainian troops conclude team-building event

By MARTIN EGNASH

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Tennessee National Guardsmen deployed to western Ukraine finished a weeklong team-building competition that included a paintball fight at the Combat Training Center in Yavoriv, Ukraine, on Saturday.

The friendly event came at a time when tensions are high on the other side of Ukraine, where Russian ships fired on and seized Ukrainian ships and crews on Nov. 25 in the Sea of Azov.

Ukrainian soldiers have been battling Russia-backed separatists since Russia annexed the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine in 2014.

During the competition, seven Ukrainian units currently going through U.S.-led modernization training, as well as soldiers from the Ukrainian Land Forces Academy, competed alongside one multinational unit made up of U.S., U.K., Canadian, Lithuanian and Polish troops to overcome several soldiering challenges.

Events included an obstacle course, individual weapons training, a relay race, offensive and defensive tactics and, to many soldiers' delight, a paintball battle.

"It was great to see the best of the best participate from the current rotational Ukrainian unit, as well as the Land Forces Academy," said Lt. Col. Matthew Smith, the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment commander.

"It is a humbling experience to see all these multinational soldiers work together to accomplish a goal, as well as compete with one another."

The guardsmen, from the 278th are currently deployed to the Joint Multinational Training Group Ukraine to advise and assist in modernizing Ukraine's military — a mission the U.S., along with allies and partners, has been involved in since 2015.

During their rotation, the guardsmen oversaw Ukrainian units using modern, NATO-like tactics and making a transition from an officer-centric, Soviet-style approach to the development of a noncommissioned officer corps to make quick decisions in the field.

The winners of the competition were not announced. Army authorities said the competition was more about camaraderie and working together than winning.

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## Lost Tuskegee airman found thanks to fresh information

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Army Air Forces Capt. Lawrence E. Dickson, a World War II Tuskegee airman who went missing in action over Italy in 1944, has been found, the Pentagon agency charged with recovering and identifying the country's war dead said.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency said Thursday that it had identified remains that were accounted for earlier this year as belonging to the Manhattan native. His remains are the first to be identified of the more than two dozen black aviators, known as Tuskegee Airmen, still missing from World War II.

A pilot with the 100th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group, Dickson went missing after his P-51D Mustang fighter suffered engine failure and crashed along the borders of Italy and Austria during an aerial reconnaissance mission from Ramitelli Air Base in Italy toward Prague.

At the time of the crash, witnesses reported seeing Dickson's Mustang roll over with the canopy jettisoned, but the pilot did not parachute from the plane. He was reported missing in action somewhere between Malborghetto and Tarvisio, Italy.

Once the war ended, American war graves registration teams began searching for U.S. servicemen listed as missing in Europe. In April 1946, a search team investigating Dickson's case spoke to local municipal officials, civilians and priests in several towns



Courtesy of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

**Army Air Forces Capt. Lawrence E. Dickson, a World War II Tuskegee airman, was reported missing in action in 1944 and was found this past July 26.**

along the Italy-Austria border but didn't gain any information about the crash.

In May 1948, investigators learned Dickson's plane exploded on impact, and the pilot's remains were allegedly taken to Klagenfurt, Austria, by the German military.

A board of military officers de-

clared Dickson, 24, of New York City, nonrecoverable on Sept. 29, 1949.

But the search resumed in January 2012 when the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office contacted Austrian researcher Roland Domanig about a crash site that he had discovered in northern Italy. The team visited

the crash site in April of that year and determined that the wreckage matched Dickson's Mustang. From July 11 through Aug. 8, 2017, researchers from the University of New Orleans and University of Innsbruck in Austria joined the efforts to help excavate the site.

The recovered remains were

sent to the DPAA laboratory at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., where scientists used mitochondrial, Y-chromosome and autosomal DNA analysis, along with anthropological analysis and circumstantial and material evidence, to identify Dickson, the statement said.

A ring inscribed with his and his wife Phyllis' initials, discovered by a graduate student on a dig last summer, was returned to Lawrence's daughter, Maria L. Andrews, of East Orange, N.J., earlier this year. The ring was inscribed: "P.D.," with an arrow-pierced heart, and "L.E.D. 5-31-43." The Washington Post reported in August, May 31, 1943, was his 23rd birthday.

Phyllis Dickson died last December at 96 in Nevada, Andrews told The Associated Press last week.

Among the other items recovered from the crash scene was part of a harmonica Dickson carried with him during flights, the AP reported.

"Little things like that have been quite comforting," Andrews said.

Dickson will be buried March 22 with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery, the AP reported.

About 1 million Americans served in World War II, and more than 400,000 died during the war. There are 72,776 servicemembers still listed as missing in action.

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## MILITARY

# Rocket, air units added to US Army inventory in Europe

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GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — A long-range artillery unit was reactivated on Friday, just two days after the Army added a new air defense battalion to its inventory in southern Germany.

The 41st Field Artillery Brigade was reconstituted at U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria, 13 years after being deactivated. The original unit was located in Babenhäusen, Germany, from 1972 to 2005.

“Our mission is to provide long range, precision fires to Europe,” brigade commander Col. Seth Knazovich said.

Since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in 2014, the United States and NATO have boosted defenses in Eastern Europe with rotational units to counter potential Russian aggression. The Army has deployed an armored brigade to Europe on nine-month rotations since 2017.

In March, European Command chief Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti told Congress he needed a fires brigade added to the permanent force structure in Europe.

The Multiple Launch Rocket System unit will bring about 1,000 additional soldiers to the

area. They are part of the larger push to hike U.S. troop strength in Germany by 1,500 soldiers by 2020 — adding to the more than 33,000 servicemembers already here.

This is the second unit activation in Bavaria last week. The 5th Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment activated on Wednesday in nearby U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach.

The force structure change is a result of the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act, which directed the Army to increase its numbers in Europe in order to defend NATO allies and deter aggression, the Army said in a statement.

Placing the new units in Germany is “a display of our continued commitment to NATO and our collective resolve to support European security,” the statement said.

The new soldiers will begin immediately to integrate with the existing units on their posts, to strengthen the U.S. Army’s mission in Europe, the brigade’s Sgt. Maj. Samuel Zoker said.

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Sgt. Maj. Samuel Zoker, left, and Col. Seth Knazovich, the sergeant major and commander of the 41st Field Artillery Brigade, respectively, uncased the unit’s colors at the activation ceremony, at Grafenwoehr, Germany, on Friday.



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An M270 multiple launch rocket system fires during a live-fire training exercise at Rocket Valley, South Korea, Sept. 25, 2017.

## Sensory garden provides ‘me time’ moments at busy airlift hub in Tokyo

BY THERON GODBOLD  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — A new sensory garden is providing a place for visitors to enjoy some quiet time at the busy home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo.

Emma Remley — the Yokota High School sophomore and Girl Scout who created the garden — said she conceived the idea earlier this year as a sanctuary for autistic children.

Such gardens — which stimulate sight, sound, touch and taste — allow those with autism to explore their senses in a safe but stimulating environment.

However, with so few of the special-needs kids at Yokota, Remley’s sensory garden has morphed into a space for anyone to enjoy.

More than 40 visitors have signed the garden’s logbook since it opened in late October.

“It’s a good place for folks to come to take a little me time,” said Chief Master Sgt. Elvin Young, 37th Airlift Wing command chief. Remley raised nearly \$1,000 from donations and baby-sitting



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Yokota High School student Emma Remley works in a sensory garden she designed at Yokota Air Base, Japan, Nov. 26.

Learn more about the sensory garden at <https://yokotasensorygarden.wixsite.com/mysite>.

and started construction on Yokota’s west side over the summer. She planted a variety of plants, including basil, lemongrass and rosemary.

She chose each plant for its sensory attribute, such as texture, scent or color.

For example, tall grass was chosen for the sound it makes when wind blows through it.

Remley plans to cite her work on the garden as part of her application for a Gold Award — the Girl Scouts’ high achievement.

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JONATHAN CLAY/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Vice Adm. Scott Stearney, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, U.S. 5th Fleet and Combined Maritime Forces, speaks on the intercom to welcome the crew to Manama, Bahrain, on Oct. 24.

## Commander: NCIS and Bahrain investigating, suspect no foul play

### FROM FRONT PAGE

Stearney earned his commission in 1982 after graduating from the University of Notre Dame, according to his Navy biography. He graduated from the prestigious Navy Fighter Weapons School, popularly known as TOPGUN, where he later served as an instructor.

Stearney flew the F/A-18 Hornet in multiple squadrons and served aboard the aircraft carriers USS Theodore Roosevelt, USS George Washington and USS

Dwight D. Eisenhower. Stearney also served in Afghanistan as chief of staff of Joint Task Force 435, which advises Afghan security forces.

His flag assignments included tours as commander, U.S. Transportation Command’s Joint Enabling Capabilities Command; commander, Strike Force Training Atlantic; commander, Carrier Strike Group 4; commander, Navy Warfare Development Command and director of operations, U.S. Central Command.



## PACIFIC

# N. Korean soldier defects to South

By KIM GAMEL  
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SEOUL, South Korea — A North Korean soldier fled across the heavily fortified frontier Saturday, the military said, a rare escape that presents the first test of recent military tension-reduction measures by the two adversaries.

On the diplomatic front, President Donald Trump said a second summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is likely to be held in January or February and three sites are being considered for the meeting. He didn't name the sites.

Trump and Kim agreed to work toward the "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula" during their first meeting on June 12 in Singapore. But negotiations over details and conflicting demands have stalled.

South Koreans troops guided the North Korean defector to safety after surveillance equipment detected him crossing an eastern section of the so-called Military Demarcation Line that bisects the peninsula, the military said in a text message.

The military said no unusual North Korean activity was reported on Saturday.

The military said it will question the soldier about how he escaped across the border, a 2.5-mile-wide, 155-mile-long buffer zone that's lined with barbed wire and filled with land mines.

The defection came just over a year after another North Korean soldier dashed across the border in the truce village of Panmunjom under a hail of gunfire from his former comrades.

More than 30,000 North Koreans have fled to the South since the 1950-53 war on the peninsula ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty. Most fled via China and other countries to avoid heavy border security.

Saturday's escape occurred after both sides demolished front-line guard posts and swept for mines in a section of the Demilitarized Zone as part of an ambitious plan to disarm the area.

The Koreans reached the military agreement during the third summit between Kim and South Korean President Moon Jae-in as part of a diplomatic offensive that began earlier this year, reversing months of rising tensions that had threatened to erupt in a nuclear war.

Trump has remained optimistic but has insisted economic sanctions and other U.S.-led efforts to pressure the communist state into giving up its nuclear weapons will continue until concrete progress is made.

"We're getting along very well. We have a good relationship," he told reporters Saturday aboard Air Force One en route home from

a G-20 summit in Argentina.

He also said he'd like to invite Kim to the United States at some point.

The president also discussed North Korea with his South Korean and Chinese counterparts on the sidelines of the G-20 summit.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Trump and Moon renewed their commitment "to achieve the final, fully verified denuclearization" of the North and agreed on the need to maintain economic sanctions "to ensure (North Korea) understands that denuclearization is the only path."

Moon's office said Trump also gave the green light for Kim to visit Seoul, saying the two leaders agreed that would "provide additional momentum to their joint efforts to establish peace on the Korean Peninsula."

The North Korean leader said he would visit Seoul "in the near future," during his third summit with Moon in September.

South Koreans have expressed hope the visit — which would be a first for a North Korean leader — could happen by the end of this year.

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SEOUL, South Korea — A South Korean train crossed into the North on Friday to begin the first joint railway inspection in a decade, the latest sign of improving ties between the rival nations despite slow progress in nuclear talks.

Seven railcars carrying nearly 30 South Korean officials and experts rolled out of Dorasan Station just after 9 a.m. and crossed the Military Demarcation Line, which has separated the peninsula since the 1950-53 Korean War, according to the Unification Ministry.

The train was expected to link up with a North Korean locomotive after arriving at Panmun Station, near the border town of Kaesong, the first stop on an 18-day journey that will cover some 745 miles of tracks.

The survey was made possible after the United Nations Security Council granted the necessary exemption to sanctions imposed on North Korea over its nuclear weapons program. Further steps in the South's ambitious plan to reconnect its railways with the North will require further exemptions, officials have said.

In addition to passengers, the trains are carrying more than 14,500 gallons of fuel to be used only for the journey, generators and other equipment, according to the Unification Ministry.

"South and North Korea are going to become prosperous together through our railroads,



JAMES MCCANN/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

**Seven railcars carrying South Korean officials and experts crossed into North Korea on Friday.**

which will be connected in one line in the future." Unification Minister Cho Myoung-gyon said during a ceremony at Dorasan Station, according to a pool report.

"Trains coming and going on the Korean Peninsula are going to convey peace and prosperity to Northeast Asia and the world," he added.

North and South Korea have moved rapidly to improve relations as diplomatic efforts on ridding the North of its nuclear weapons gained momentum this year.

However, talks between Washington and Pyongyang have stalled, prompting Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to warn Seoul against moving too fast with the rapprochement without significant progress on the nuclear front.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in and North Korean leader

Kim Jong Un agreed to "adopt practical steps toward the connection and modernization of the railways and roads" in the two transportation corridors during their first summit on April 27.

Moon has dangled the project as part of economic incentives for the North to abandon its nuclear program and join the international fold. South Korea also stands to gain as railway connections would provide possible new land routes to China, opening valuable trade opportunities.

Officials will start with a roughly 250-mile section of railway running from the cities of Kaesong to Sinuiju on the western Gyeongju Line.

They will then survey about 500 miles of tracks between Mount Kumgang and the Duman River on the eastern Donghae Line before ending the journey back in Kaesong on Dec. 17.

It will be the first such field survey on the western section since 2007 and the first on the eastern section since the division of the peninsula after World War II, the ministry has said.

Moon's administration has stressed that actual construction to modernize North Korea's railway will depend on "progress in North Korea's denuclearization." But the unification minister said a groundbreaking ceremony would be held by the end of the year.

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## MILITARY

# Swedish pilots honored for protecting US flyers

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN  
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**F**KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany for nearly 30 years, retired U.S. Air Force flyers Tom Veltri and Duane Noll wondered about the four Swedish pilots they credit with saving their lives during the Cold War.

On June 29, 1987, Veltri and Noll, who have both retired as lieutenant colonels, felt like sitting ducks in their crippled Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird aircraft over the Baltic Sea, after one of the plane's engines blew up.

After rapidly descending, they were forced to fly low and slow in the top-of-the-line strategic reconnaissance plane that was capable of flying at more than three times the speed of sound. At its best, the iconic plane flew too high and too fast to be intercepted by fighter jets or shot down by anti-aircraft missiles.

But now, the hobbled Blackbird was easy prey for any Soviet fighters who could find them.

Fortunately for Veltri and Noll, Swedish fighters arrived on scene before the Soviets and escorted them all the way to Denmark. The two never found out the names of the pilots involved until this past year, when the mission was finally declassified.

Last week, Veltri met three of the Swedish pilots for the first time at the U.S. Embassy in Stockholm. In a ceremony on Wednesday, the Swedes received the U.S. Air Medal from U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa for their deeds.

Noll was unable to attend the ceremony due to surgery.

"It was incredible," Veltri said. "I've been looking for these guys for 30 years. It's not often that you get to meet somebody who actually saved your life."

Veltri and Noll were assigned in the mid-1980s to the 1st Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Detachment 4, at RAF Mildenhall in England. Back then, the SR-71 routinely gathered intelligence over international waters in the Baltic Sea. The top-secret missions were known as the "Baltic Express."

Veltri said they collected reconnaissance against the Soviets and their military movements in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland and Russia.

On that day more than 31 years ago, "what was normally routine became everything but routine when just seconds prior to making our turn back to the south ... the right engine blew up," said Veltri, the aircraft's reconnaissance systems operator.

At the time, they were at 30,000 feet flying at Mach 3. The aircraft rapidly descended to 25,000 feet. In the fly-in-flight emergency under control, Noll and Veltri were able to make the turn south. But they were now traveling at a sluggish 437 mph.

"So basically, we're a sitting duck," Veltri said.

## Swedish help, Soviet shadows

The SR-71's defense "was high and fast," Veltri said. The Blackbird's nickname was the "lead sled because without (one) engine, you just dropped an ice rock," he said.

As they dropped below the clouds, Veltri and Noll feared Soviet fighters would intercept and try to capture them.

The Soviets had already shot down an American U-2 spy plane in 1960 and taken its pilot, Francis Gary Powers. But they had never captured an SR-71. "They wanted the aircraft to plagiarize the technology, but also as a propaganda tool," Veltri said.

The two men decided if the Soviets showed up, "we weren't going to give them the plane. We said as soon as we see a missile, we'll bail out and ditch the aircraft in the Baltic," he said.

They sent out a distress signal and hoped



PHOTOS BY KELLY O'CONNOR/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

From left, Col. Lars-Erik Blad, Maj. Roger Moeller, Maj. Krister Sjöberg and retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Tom Veltri stand beside the official photo that depicts the event that earned the Swedish pilots their U.S. Air Medals in Stockholm on Wednesday.

for the best. Their intended route was the narrow corridor of international airspace between Sweden and the country's Gotland Island, the quickest and safest way out of the Baltic, Veltri said.

On its approach to Gotland Island, the Blackbird entered Swedish airspace, triggering a reaction by the Swedish air force. Fortunately for the Americans, a pair of Swedish Saab 37 Viggen jets already in the air for training were asked to intercept and identify the aircraft.

Neutral Sweden never joined the NATO alliance. Its fighters scrambled hundreds of times during the Cold War to intercept and identify aircraft near Swedish airspace from both NATO and the Warsaw Pact.

Retired Maj. Roger Moeller was one of two Viggen pilots to respond. Their flight controller told them "he'd like us to make an intercept of a very special, interesting aircraft," Moeller said. "At the time, we didn't know it was an SR-71."

"We went supersonic to get in contact as soon as possible," he said. "There we find him in clear skies" at about 25,000 feet. "We weren't expecting that ... not that aircraft at that altitude."

Moeller and his wingman, Maj. Krister Sjöberg, noticed the aircraft's right engine had flamed out. They shadowed the Blackbird from about 100 feet out.

When the Swedes first appeared, Veltri said he and Noll at first couldn't see their markings.

"When we realized they were Swedish Viggens, to say it was a relief would be an understatement," Veltri said.

The Viggens had arrived in a nick of time. "Once they got on our left wing, it was only a matter of minutes that a (Soviet) MiG-25 pulled up a few miles to the left of the Viggens and hung on there for a few minutes" before departing, Veltri said.

Veltri said he and Noll found out later that the Soviets had launched 20 aircraft "hoping that the Swedes would have left our escort." The Swedes never left the Americans' side until they were safe.

A second pair of Viggens scrambled to relieve the first pair, which was running low on fuel. When Col. Lars-Erik Blad and Lt. Bo Ignell showed up, Moeller and Sjö-



U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. John Williams, mobilization assistant to the commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa, talks about the Swedish pilots while standing next to a photo of a Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, the same type of plane that the Swedes helped escort to safety.

berg returned to Sweden. Blad and Ignell then escorted the Blackbird to Denmark, a NATO member state.

"We had eyes on them all the time until we left them close to Danish territory," Blad said.

The American F-15s from Germany took over and flew with the crippled SR-71 until it landed at Nordholz, in West Germany.

## Finding friends

Veltri, now 65, for years tried to find out the names of the Swedish pilots to give them some recognition.

The door opened when the mission was declassified. "I found out a little over a year ago that the pilots were still alive and living in Sweden," he said.

The Swedish pilots talked with Noll on the phone earlier in the week and spent time with Veltri, who attended the ceremony.

"We had a great time talking about old memories," Moeller said.

Learning that they would receive honors from the U.S. Air Force was a great surprise, the Swedish pilots said.

"I'm deeply honored," Blad said.

Maj. Gen. John Williams, mobilization assistant to the commander, USAFE-AFAFRICA, presented the Air Medal to Moeller, Blad, Sjöberg and Ignell, who have all long since retired.

"I think getting to hear this story that not a lot of people know about was very important," Williams said.

The riveting tale also underscores the enduring ties between the U.S. and Sweden, a partner to the north that "is very important to what we're doing now in the region," he said.

Noll also had a chance to say thank you. He recorded a message for the pilots that was played during the ceremony.

"We will never know what would or could have happened, but because of you, there was no international incident," he said. "The U.S. Air Force did not lose an irreplaceable aircraft, and two crewmembers' lives were saved. Thank you for being highly skilled and dedicated patriotic fellow aviators."

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## WAR/MILITARY

# Airstrike kills at least 10 civilians in Afghanistan

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — At least 10 civilians were killed in an airstrike in the eastern Paktia province bordering Pakistan, Afghan officials said Sunday.

Shausta Jan Ahady, a former provincial council member, said women and children were among those killed in the strike carried out a day earlier. He said local residents displayed the bodies and protested on Sunday.

Provincial government spokesman Abdullah Hsrat said the airstrike killed four insurgents and that an investigation has been launched into the allegations of civilian casualties.

"We are aware of the reports of civilian casualties but can't confirm it right now, as an investigation is ongoing," Hsrat said.

Ahady said the area is under Taliban control and so exact information is difficult to obtain.

In a separate incident in the southern Helmand province, an airstrike killed the Taliban's shadow governor and two of his guards,

according to the provincial government spokesman, Omar Ziwak. Zabihullah Mujahid, the Taliban's spokesman, in a statement said Mullah Abdul Manan Akhand, a powerful military commander in the southern region, was among those killed in Saturday's airstrike.

"Abdul Manan Akhand was a powerful and brave military commander who cleared 95 percent of Helmand from invader Americans and their slaves," the Taliban statement said.

Manan was a military commander and the Taliban's shadow governor responsible not only for Helmand but also Kandahar, Zabul and Nimroz provinces, according to local officials in Helmand.

The Taliban control nearly half the country and run a parallel administration with provincial governors and military commanders across numerous provinces.

It was not immediately clear who carried out either airstrike.

## Mattis, Pompeo defend Saudi alliance, frustrate senators

By CAROL MORELO  
AND MISSY RYAN  
The Washington Post

The Trump administration's determination to maintain warm ties with the Saudi royal family came into clear focus last week when Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defense Secretary Jim Mattis showed up at the Senate. Senators wanted to know more about the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi and U.S. support for Saudi airstrikes in Yemen.

Instead, Pompeo and Mattis kept pivoting to the threat posed by Iran. A smile frozen on his face, Pompeo deflected a reporter's question on why the CIA director had not appeared to brief senators on intelligence implicating Saudi Arabia's crown prince in Khashoggi's killing.

"I was asked to be here, and here I am," Pompeo replied. When pressed again, he repeated the sentence almost verbatim: "I was asked to be here, and I'm here."

Pompeo's unwillingness to provide a smoother, more direct answer crystallized how awkward it has become to maintain a solid U.S.-Saudi relationship as Congress threatens to cut off military funding for the country.

The administration considers

Saudi Arabia an important and influential ally needed to push back against Iran, keep oil prices low and support the administration's still-unwieldy peace plan for Israelis and Palestinians.

But the explanations did not sit well with many senators seeking straightforward answers to their concerns about the journalist's murder and the crisis in Yemen, which the United Nations has called the world's worst humanitarian disaster. One senator summarized the hour with Pompeo and Mattis behind closed doors as "that horrible meeting."

Both men summarized positions already laid down by President Donald Trump. But their defense of Saudi Arabia's "strategic importance" to U.S. interests turned a harsh light on them.

The different emphasis they placed on the relationship shielded Mattis from criticism more than Pompeo. In his prepared remarks, the Pentagon chief cited the "win requirements" of holding Khashoggi's killers accountable and "the reality of Saudi Arabia as a necessary strategic partner." In his opening statement, as released by the State Department, Pompeo did not mention by name Khashoggi, whose killing, he wrote, has intensified "Capitol Hill caterwauling and media pile-on."



PAUL CONNORS, THE BOSTON HERALD/AP

Crewmembers line the rails of the USS Thomas Hudner and bow their heads in prayer during an invocation following a commissioning ceremony Saturday in Boston.

## Navy commissions new destroyer

Associated Press

BOSTON — The U.S. Navy on Saturday commissioned its newest destroyer, named for a Navy pilot from Massachusetts who received the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Korean War.

Much of the commissioning ceremony for the USS Thomas Hudner, held in Boston, paid tribute to the late Thomas Hudner. He was a Fall River native and longtime Concord resident who was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Harry Truman for crash-landing his plane to try to save the life of Ensign Jesse Brown, who was trapped behind enemy lines during the Battle of Chosin Reservoir in December 1950.

Brown was shot down and

trapped in his burning plane. Hudner intentionally crash-landed in freezing temperatures, packed the fuselage with snow using his bare hands to keep the flames away from Brown and tried unsuccessfully to pull his squadron-mate free.

U.S. Navy Cmdr Brett Litchfield said at Saturday's ceremony that the destroyer's crew will strive to exemplify Hudner's selfless devotion to his shipmate.

"In that same spirit, this ship will sail the oceans, often alone. It will stand vigilant against those who would threaten democracy and freedom," he told the crowd. "This crew is honored to serve on a ship that bears his name."

Hudner died last November at age 93. However, he lived to personally attend the April 2017

christening ceremony at Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine, for the massive Arleigh Burke-class destroyer that bears his name.

On Saturday, Hudner's widow, Georgia, and Barbara Miller, wife of retired Vice Adm. Michael Miller, had the honor of ordering the crew to "man our ship and bring her to life." Within seconds, the crewmembers rushed aboard, taking their positions along the decks of the ship as the U.S. Navy's march song, "Anchors Aweigh," was performed.

The destroyer will be homeported at Naval Station Mayport, Fla. The Navy said it is capable of engaging in air, surface and subsurface battles simultaneously. It also has integrated air and missile defense capabilities.

## Midshipman pleads guilty to drug distribution

By BRIAN WITTE  
Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A U.S. Naval Academy midshipman has pleaded guilty to using and distributing illegal drugs to fellow midshipmen at the academy, a school spokesman said Friday.

Zachary Williams has been sentenced to 13 months' confinement and dismissal from the Navy, said Cmdr David McKinney, the academy's spokesman.

Williams, of Canal Fulton, Ohio, pleaded guilty at the Washington Navy Yard on Thursday to introduction of a controlled substance on a military installation and distribution of a controlled substance. He also pleaded guilty to failure to obey a general regulation, pos-

session with intent to distribute a controlled substance and use of a controlled substance.

The charges were based on an investigation by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service that began in November 2017 after midshipmen brought the drug use to the attention of school officials. Some of the charges related to Williams' arrest by the Dover Police Department in Delaware for selling and possessing controlled substances at a music festival in June.

As a result of the investigation, six midshipmen were kicked out of the academy for using illegal substances and five were disciplined for other policy violations.

The guilty plea from Williams

concludes the case, McKinney said. "The U.S. Navy and the Naval Academy both have a zero tolerance policy towards the wrongful use of controlled substances," McKinney said.

The case prompted the academy to conduct a full review and make changes to urinalysis drug testing. Every midshipman will be tested randomly at least three times a year.

Prosecutors said Williams obtained drugs on the dark web, where people search for drugs through secret web browsers and buy them using encrypted channels, code names and virtual currencies. Some of the drugs named in the case included cocaine, ecstasy and mushrooms.



# GEORGE H.W. BUSH 1924-2018

# Bush hailed as a great political statesman

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
AND JOHN ROGERS  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former President George H.W. Bush is returning to Washington as a revered political statesman, hailed by leaders across the political spectrum and around the world as a man not only of greatness but also of uncommon decency and kindness.

Bush, who died late Friday at his Houston home at age 94, is to be honored with a state funeral at National Cathedral in the nation's capital on Wednesday, followed by burial Thursday on the grounds of his presidential library at Texas A&M.

Before that, his body will lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda for a public viewing from his arrival in Washington on Monday until Wednesday morning.

President Donald Trump, who ordered federal offices closed for a national day of mourning on Wednesday, is to attend with first lady Melania Trump and other high-ranking officials.

Bush's crowning achievement as president was assembling the international military coalition that liberated the tiny, oil-rich nation of Kuwait from invading neighbor Iraq in 1991 in a war that lasted just 100 hours. He also presided over the end of the Cold War between the United States and the former Soviet Union.

"We didn't agree much on domestic policy, but when it came to the international side of things, he was a very wise and thoughtful man," former Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, a Democrat who lost the presidency to Bush in 1988, told The Associated Press on Saturday. He credited Bush's ability to negotiate with former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev as playing a key role.

"It was a time of great change, demanding great responsibility from everyone," Gorbachev told the Interfax news agency. "The result was the end of the Cold War and nuclear arms race."

During that time and after, Gorbachev said, he always appreciated the kindness Bush and his family showed him.

## Bipartisan praise

In Washington, the former Republican president won praise from leaders of both parties.

Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan, of Wisconsin, lauded him for leading the nation with "decency and integrity," while Democratic House leader Nancy Pelosi, of California, said it was a "privilege to work with him."

Republican Sen. Bob Corker, of Tennessee, said Bush "betrifened political foes, reminding Americans that there is always more that unites us than divides us."

At the G-20 summit in Argentina, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who was raised in East Germany, told reporters she likely would never have become her country's leader had Bush not

GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH, 1924-2018

## A lifetime of service

Few Americans have served their country in as many ways as George H.W. Bush, the 41st president of the United States, who died Friday.

**June 12, 1924:** Born in Milton, Mass., the second of five children.

**Jan. 6, 1945:** Marries Barbara Pierce, daughter of the publisher of McCall's and Redbook magazines.

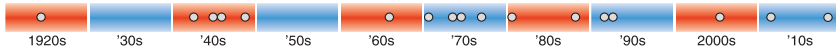
**1960:** Elected to Congress representing Texas' 7th District.

**1980:** Elected vice president.



**1991:** Leads coalition in a war to eject Iraq from Kuwait.

**2011:** Receives Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama.



**1942:** Enlists in the Navy; was at one point the Navy's youngest pilot.

**1944:** Shot down and rescued from the Pacific Ocean by a U.S. submarine.

**1948:** Moves family to West Texas to begin a career in the oil industry.

**1970:** Appointed U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

**1973:** Becomes chairman of the Republican National Committee, the CIA.

**1974:** Named U.S. liaison to China.

**1976:** Appointed director of the CIA.

**1988:** Elected 41st president.



**1992:** Loses re-election bid to Democrat Bill Clinton.

**2005:** Works with Clinton raising money for charitable causes.

**April 2018:** Wife Barbara passes away.

**Nov. 30:** Dies at age 94 in Houston.

SOURCES: AP reports; White House

pressed for the nation's reunification in 1990.

A humble hero of World War II, Bush was just 20 when he survived being shot down during a bombing run over Japan. He had enlisted in the U.S. Navy on his 18th birthday.

Shortly before leaving the service, he married his sweetheart, Barbara Pierce, 19, a union that lasted until her death earlier this year.

After military service, Bush enrolled in Yale University, where he would become a scholar-athlete, captaining the baseball team to two College World Series before graduating Phi Beta Kappa after just 2½ years.

## On to politics

After moving to Texas to work in the oil business, Bush turned his attention to politics in the 1960s, being elected to his first of two terms in Congress in 1967. He would go on to serve as ambassador to the United Nations and China, head of the CIA and chairman of the Republican National Committee before being elected to two terms as Ronald Reagan's vice president.

Soon after he reached the zenith of his political popularity following the liberation of Kuwait, the U.S. economy began to sour and voters began to believe that Bush, never a great orator, was out of touch with ordinary people.

He lost his bid for re-election to then-Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, who would later become a close friend. The pair worked together to raise tens of millions of dollars for victims of a 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami and Hurricane Katrina, which swamped New Orleans and the Gulf Coast in 2005.

"Who would have thought that I would be working with Bill Clinton of all people?" Bush joked in 2005.

Clinton said he would be "forever grateful" for that friendship.

# Bush a political patriarch to enduring American dynasty

BY WILL WEISSEIT  
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The Kennedys had their New England coastal hideaway in Hyannis port, a Camelot-like mystique and a political godfather in Joseph P. Kennedy.

For the country's other political dynasty — the Bushes — it was a summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine, and the West Texas oil patch that created a mix of Yale blue blood and backcountry cowboy, and their own patriarchy in George H.W. Bush.

Bush, who died late Friday at age 94, was a World War II hero, a Texas congressman, the director of the CIA, vice president and eventually president. His son, George W., served as Texas governor and two terms in the White House.

Though another son, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, turned monster fundraising into an embarrassingly short-lived 2016 presidential run — his campaign eviscerated by Donald Trump — the family's future political prowess remains intact, including with Jeb's son, George P. Bush, 42, who is seen as a rising GOP star by Republican power-brokers nationwide. He currently is Texas land commissioner, leading a powerful state agency that oversees mineral rights critical to oil and natural gas exploration on Texas' 13 million acres of public land.

"I think when people hear the name George H.W. Bush, they think of the word 'statesman,'" George P. Bush told The Associated Press in 2013. "And I think his career really represents a generation that many Americans now and in the future will



Courtesy of the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

**George and Barbara Bush pose with their first-born child, George W. Bush, while the senior Bush was a student at Yale University.**

consider our country's greatest generation."

Some historians regard George H.W. Bush as more bipartisan than his presidential successors — and his softer-spoken, humbler style is a far cry from Trump. Bush is also remembered as ending the Cold War, though he also invaded Panama and brought America to war for the first time against Saddam Hussein.

Defining an overall Bush family political legacy gets tougher,

though, when considering that George W. Bush led the Iraq War in 2003, accusing Hussein of having nonexistent weapons of mass destruction.

And while the elder Bush's 1992 re-election bid was marred by his reneging on his "Read my lips: No new taxes" pledge, the younger Bush presided over a financial crisis that triggered the Great Recession.

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# GEORGE H.W. BUSH 1924-2018



Courtesy of the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

President George H.W. Bush has Thanksgiving dinner with U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia on Nov. 22, 1990.

## Gulf War dominates Mideast legacy

By HUSSAIN AL-QATARI  
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Associated Press

AL-JAHRA, Kuwait — On the outskirts of Kuwait City, the love Kuwaitis have for former U.S. President George H.W. Bush could be seen in 2016 on a billboard one Bedouin family put up to announce their son's wedding.

That son being Bush al-Widhan, born in the aftermath of the 1991 Gulf War that saw U.S.-led forces expel the occupying Iraqi troops of dictator Saddam Hussein. "He was a real man, a lion," said Mubarak al-Widhan, the father of the Kuwaiti Bush, of the American president. "He stood for our right for freedom, and he gave us back our country."

With Bush's death, his legacy across the Middle East takes root in that 100-hour ground war that routed Iraqi forces. That war gave birth to the network of military bases America now operates across the Persian Gulf supporting troops in Afghanistan and forces fighting against Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

However, Bush ultimately would leave the Shiite and Kurdish insurgents he urged to rise up against Saddam in 1991 to face the dictator's wrath alone, leading to thousands of deaths. That mixed picture only extends to the presidency of his son, George W. Bush, who ordered the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq that overthrew Saddam, whom he once famously described as "the guy who tried to kill my dad

one time."

"I feel tension in the stomach and in the neck ... but I also feel a certain calmness when we talk about these matters," the elder Bush once said about the 1991 Gulf War, according to biographer Jon Meacham. "I know I am doing the right thing."

Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2, 1990, angry that the tiny neighbor and the United Arab Emirates had ignored OPEC quotas, which Saddam claimed cost his nation \$14 billion. Saddam also accused Kuwait of stealing \$2.4 billion by pumping crude from a disputed oil field and demanded that Kuwait write off an estimated \$15 billion of debt that Iraq had accumulated during its 1980s war with Iran.

### Similar to Hitler

A World War II fighter pilot shot down fighting against the Japanese, Bush came to view Saddam as similar to Adolf Hitler, a madman who seized neighboring Kuwait and could plunge the world into conflict if he continued into Saudi Arabia. With Vietnam still a potent memory, Bush rallied together a coalition of nations to the region and began bombing runs. He talked Israel out of retaliating for Iraqi Scud missiles attacks for fear of alienating Arab allies.

"This will not stand. This will not stand, this aggression against Kuwait," Bush famously warned. And it didn't. On Feb. 24, 1991, U.S. troops and their allies

stormed into Kuwait. It ended 100 hours later. America suffered only 148 combat deaths during the whole campaign, while more than 20,000 Iraqi soldiers were killed.

In the aftermath of the campaign, some called for Bush to continue into Iraq and topple Saddam. Bush in speeches encouraged Iraqis to rise up against the dictator, while privately hoping someone within his own military would depose him.

"To occupy Iraq would shatter our coalition, turning the whole Arab world against us and make a broken tyrant into a latter-day Arab hero," Bush later said. "It would have taken us way beyond the imprimatur of international law ... assigning young soldiers to a fruitless hunt for a securely entrenched dictator and condemning them to fight in what would be an unwinnable urban guerrilla war."

### The tile mosaic

That hesitation allowed Saddam to regain the upper hand against insurgents and caused a refugee crisis in Iraq's northern Kurdish region. The dictator tauntingly installed a tile mosaic of a scowling likeness of the president at the door of Baghdad's al-Rashid Hotel. It forced entering foreign dignitaries to often step on his face just above its "Bush is criminal" caption.

Some Iraqis still blame Bush for not removing Saddam at the time. "Then, the U.S. threw a life buoy to Saddam, allowing him to muster strength and to oppress Iraqis for

the next 12 years," said Mohamed Zaid, 35, a bookstore owner.

Even Iran, which hated Saddam for starting their 1980s war, remained suspicious of Bush despite his pledge of "good will begets good will." Iran leaned on Lebanon's Shiite militants to help win the release of American hostages like Terry Anderson, of The Associated Press, but relations went no further. One of Bush's last acts as president was pardoning former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and others for their role in the Iran-Contra scandal, an offshoot of that hostage crisis.

Still, Bush's decisions in the 1991 war and its aftermath echo even now. The Kurdish crisis gave birth to the U.S.-imposed no-fly zone in northern Iraq that allowed the Kurds to flourish in the semiautonomous region now demanding independence.

"The freedom that we enjoy here in Kurdistan, it is because of him really," said Sherwan Mohammed Abdullah, 46, a Kurdish former soldier. "Even when he launched the strike on Kuwait ... not a single soldier in my battalion was injured."

Defense agreements with Gulf nations then grew into a series of major military installations across the region. And the presence of American troops in Saudi Arabia, home to the Muslim world's holiest sites, served as a chief complaint of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden ahead of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorism attacks.

## Patriarch: Family known for dynasty, not ideology

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Russ Baker, author of "Family of Secrets," a biography of the Bushes, said the family is better known for building an enduring political dynasty than for their policy or ideology, especially by following the lead of George H.W. Bush and his wife of 73 years, Barbara, who died in April 2018.

"They meet people and they all know to collect the names of every person you ever meet. Grandfather and grandmother had a Christmas card list of 40,000," Baker said in 2017.

"The Bush family are the greatest ever at leveraging their communal family assets. Better, I believe, than even the Kennedys," he added. "They are masters, they all get it. They understand this is what they are supposed to do."

Developing powerful friends across business and politics has helped the family build and maintain a large network of national Republican donors that has continued to support the Bushes through its revolving cast of candidates.

Beyond fundraising, though, George H.W. Bush earned entree into the Mexican oil business in the 1960s after first meeting an executive from that country at a Texas A&M football game. Family ties to financiers helped Jeb Bush get his start in Florida real estate in the 1980s, and connections aided in George W. Bush's becoming part owner of the Texas Rangers from 1989 until being elected Texas governor in 1994.

Jeb Bush, who built his career in Florida rather than on the East Coast or Texas, also brought a multiculturalism to the family that didn't serve him well in a nationalistic-minded 2016 campaign dominated by Trump but added another dimension to the Bush clan. His wife, Columba, was born in Mexico, and Jeb and George P. Bush like to chat in Spanish.

George H.W. Bush, while vice president in 1998, introduced George P. and Jeb's other children to President Ronald Reagan as the "little brown ones." Bush subsequently bristled at suggestions that was racist, saying his heart contained "nothing" but "pride and love" for his grandchildren.

## NATION

# Trump cancels tariff hike after meeting with Xi

By DAVID J. LYNCH  
The Washington Post

President Donald Trump took his first step back in his months-long confrontation with China on Saturday, agreeing to cancel a planned Jan. 1 tariff increase on Chinese products in return for purchases of what the White House called a “very substantial” amount of American farm, energy and industrial goods.

The limited bargain, reached with Chinese President Xi Jinping over dinner, will see the U.S. and China restart talks aimed at resolving a trade dispute that is damaging the global economy, worrying some of Trump’s Republican allies and unnerving investors.

But the partial accord recalled previous deals that administration officials have disparaged as unenforceable and unproductive. The two leaders struck the agreement during a roughly 2.5-hour dinner on the sidelines of the summit of G-20 leaders in Buenos Aires, Argentina, personally tackling several of the greater irritants in the U.S.-China relationship.

Trump and Xi agreed to “immediately” begin talks on Chinese industrial policies, including coercive licensing of U.S. technology, trade secret theft and non-tariff trade barriers.

“This was an amazing and productive meeting with unlimited possibilities for both the United States and China,” Trump said in a statement issued from Air Force One as he returned to Washington. “It is my great honor to be working with President Xi.

Even as Trump appeared to soften his approach to China, he

talked tough on a separate trade front. Aboard Air Force One, the president told reporters that he would formally terminate the 24-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement in a political gamble designed to force wavering lawmakers to back his replacement treaty dubbed the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, or USMCA.

The temporary ceasefire in the U.S.-China trade war left the toughest issues to future bargaining sessions, which will attempt to succeed where earlier efforts failed — and under an ambitious 90-day deadline.

If the latest effort encounters the same roadblocks, Trump said he will proceed with his previous plan to raise tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese products to 25 percent from 10 percent, which was to have taken effect on Jan. 1.

The president also has threatened to extend the tariffs to everything that the U.S. imports from China, which would involve an additional \$267 billion in goods. There was no mention of that threat in the White House account of Saturday’s talks.

Some analysts said the talks had made important progress on cooperation on the North Korean nuclear program and restricting illicit Chinese shipments to the U.S. of the addictive opioid fentanyl but did not represent a breakthrough in commercial diplomacy.

“On standard trade issues, this is where we were weeks ago,” said Derek Scissors, a China scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and sometimes adviser to the administration.

Economist Paul Ashworth, of



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVIS/AP

President Donald Trump meets with Chinese President Xi Jinping, left, during their bilateral meeting at the G20 summit on Saturday in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Capital Economics, wrote in a note to clients: “We’ve been here before . . . China will have to offer a little more than the minor concessions that South Korea, Mexico and Canada agreed to reach trade deals with the U.S.”

The White House quoted Xi as saying he is “open to approving” Qualcomm’s \$44 billion takeover of NXP Semiconductors, which the American company had abandoned in July after failing to secure Chinese regulatory approvals.

China’s refusal to approve the deal upended the global expansion plans of a premier American company and showcased Beijing’s ability to make the U.S. feel financial pain in ways other than tariffs.

The trade conflict, which has rattled financial markets and upended global supply chains, began this year when Trump imposed tariffs on \$253 billion of imported Chinese steel, industrial products and consumer goods, including handbags, furniture and appliances.

## Putin and Trump chat briefly

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Russian President Vladimir Putin got his chance to talk with President Donald Trump after all — but their brief exchange over Ukraine didn’t accomplish much.

Russia put on a brave face after Trump abruptly junked a much-awaited sit-down with Putin, blaming it on internal U.S. politics and “anti-Russian hysteria.”

But Trump’s snub was a clear kick to Putin as he joined a Group of 20 gathering in Argentina, where Western leaders banded together to denounce Russia’s actions in Ukraine.

The two men did end up talking briefly Saturday on the sidelines of the G-20 — just long enough for Trump to ask Putin what he is up to in Ukraine, and

for Putin to respond.

“I answered his questions about the incident in the Black Sea,” Putin told reporters. “He has his position. I have my own. We stayed in our own positions.”

So Putin turned elsewhere for attention. He subbed in Turkey’s president for the time slot he had reserved for Trump, and sought to strengthen his alliance with China and other non-Western economies.

Putin called it “too bad” that Trump canceled their formal meeting and hinted at the potential fallout if the leaders of the world’s two biggest nuclear powers can’t talk to each other substantively. Putin warned that the U.S. intention to opt out of a Cold War-era nuclear pact “creates risks of an uncontrollable arms race.”

## Mattis: Putin tried to ‘muck around’ in US midterm elections

By ROBERT BURNS  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis on Saturday took aim at Russian President Vladimir Putin, accusing him of trying to “muck around” in the U.S. midterm elections, of duplicity in arms control and of acting irresponsibly in last weekend’s naval confrontation with Ukraine.

In remarks at the Reagan National Defense Forum in Simi Valley, Calif., Mattis said the U.S.-Russian relationship has deteriorated over the last two years.

“We are dealing with someone that we simply cannot trust,” he said. “There is no doubt the relationship has worsened.”

Mattis did not elaborate on his claim that Russia tried to interfere in last month’s elections, adding only, “We are seeing a continued effort along those lines.” He

added more generally, “It’s his efforts to try to subvert democratic processes that must be defended.”

Citing Russia’s seizure of Ukrainian vessels and sailors, President Donald Trump canceled his plans to meet with Putin at this weekend’s Group of 20 summit in Argentina, but he said he looked forward to meeting Putin soon.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov called the canceled Trump-Putin meeting a missed opportunity, saying it didn’t “help settle a number of important international problems.”

The naval incident further escalated a tug-of-war that began in 2014 when Russia annexed Ukraine’s Crimean Peninsula and supported separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine. It also has prompted global concern and renewed Western criticism of Russia.

Mattis portrayed the latest incident as

evidence that the administration’s defense strategy, announced nearly a year ago, was correct in refusing from the post-9/11 wars to what Mattis has called an emergence of “great power” competition with Russia and China.

Mattis, in a speech at the Reagan Presidential Library and during a question-and-answer session afterward, was unyielding in his criticism of Putin. Asked how the U.S. can deter further Russian confrontation, the former Marine general placed the blame for worsening relations all on the Russian president.

“This is a very complex situation because Mr. Putin is clearly a slow learner,” Mattis said. “He is not recognizing that what he is doing is actually creating the animosity against his people. He’s not acting in the best interests of the Russian people, and he is actually causing NATO to rearm” — an allusion to increased defense spending by

many European NATO members, as well as the conduct of bigger allied military exercises and billions of dollars in additional U.S. spending on military training and operations in Europe.

“We are dealing with Putin’s duplicitous violation of the INF Treaty,” Mattis said. He was referring to the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces accord between Washington and Moscow that the White House has indicated it intends to withdraw from soon.

The Trump administration asserts that Russia has been violating the treaty by producing and deploying land-based missiles the accord had banned. Moscow denies any violation.

Mattis did not mention directly the administration’s intention to withdraw from the treaty, saying instead, “We will reenergize our arms control efforts, but the onus is on Russia.”





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## NATION

# Alaska life slowly settling down after major earthquake

By RACHEL D'ORO  
AND MARK THIESSEN  
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Life is slowly settling down in Alaska following a powerful earthquake that rattled buildings, disrupted power and caused heavy damage to the only highway that goes north of Anchorage.

Still, hundreds of aftershocks frayed nerves Saturday as people worried about being caught in more massive shakers.

"They're disturbing, and I'm not putting anything away that could fall until they calm down," Randall Cavanaugh, an Anchorage attorney, said following a restless night at home. "I kept waking up."

Employees who live in communities north of Anchorage were waiting to see if they can take Monday off or work from home to reduce the number of cars on Glenn Highway as crews repair damage.

Motorists trying to travel north on Friday were at a virtual standstill on the highway.

Gov. Bill Walker, who leaves office Monday, has given state office workers in the Anchorage area the day off to ease traffic congestion.

"Even though we are making very significant progress on the highway travel, it would still be hoarse all of us to see if we can keep the volumes down," Municipal Manager Bill Falsey said at a news conference.

The magnitude 7.0 quake didn't cause widespread damage to

structures or collapse buildings. There's a good reason for that.

A devastating 1964 Alaska earthquake — the most powerful on record in the United States — led to stricter building codes that helped structures withstand the shifting earth Friday.

A seismic expert said Alaska and California use the most stringent standards to help buildings withstand earthquakes.

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Anchorage attorney

Sterling Strait, a member of the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission, said the states use the International Building Code, considered the best available standard for seismic safety.

It requires buildings to be designed to resist possible ground motion determined by location and earthquake histories.

It also mandates structural connections — beams and columns — be reinforced to resist damage from shaking, said Strait, seismic program coordinator for Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., operator of the 800-mile Alaska oil pipeline.

Walker said sometimes people,



Aisoli Lealalosa prepares to clean up fallen cases of beer in a cooler at a liquor store in Anchorage, Alaska, after an earthquake Friday.

DAN JOLINO/AP



Marty Thurman, with Granite Construction, inspects a crack in an international airport road off-ramp in Anchorage.

LOREN HOLMES, THE ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS/AP

including himself, grouse about stringent building codes. But he's glad they were in place as he had only minor water damage at his home.

"Building codes mean something," he said.

The quake was centered about

7 miles north of Anchorage, which has a population of about 300,000. People ran from their offices or took cover under desks. A 5.7 aftershock followed within minutes. Then came a series of smaller quakes.

There were about 550 aftershocks, including 11 with magnitudes of 4.5 or greater, in the 24 hours following the Friday tremor.

The aftershocks should be weaker and less frequent in the coming days, but officials couldn't say for sure when they'll stop.

Anchorage Mayor Ethan Berkowitz said the extent of damage was "relatively small" considering the scale of Friday's earthquake. He also credited building codes for minimizing structure damage.

Roads took the brunt of the damage. The Alaska Department of Transportation counted about 50 sites with damage, including eight considered major. Most of the damage was done to highways north of Anchorage. The agency was planning to conduct bridge inspections.

Earthquake damage also was preventing Alaska Railroad trains from making the trip between Anchorage and Fairbanks. The trip is 350 miles each way.

# Celebrity scientist accused of assault

By SARAH KAPLAN  
AND BEN GUARINO  
The Washington Post

Days after multiple women accused Neil deGrasse Tyson of sexual harassment and assault, Fox Entertainment Group and the producers of the television series "Cosmos" said they were investigating the celebrity astrophysicist.

The allegations were reported Thursday on the website Patheos, which features writing on religion, science and the skeptic community. In the report, Bucknell

astronomer Katelyn Allers said Tyson grabbed her arm and reached into her dress while looking at a tattoo of the solar system. Ashley Watson, a former assistant to Tyson who worked on his latest "Cosmos" series, said she quit her job after Tyson made inappropriate sexual advances.

Patheos has previously reported allegations by musician Tchiya Amet, who said Tyson dragged and raped her when they were graduate students at the University of Texas at Austin.

Saturday night, Tyson posted a lengthy response to the allegations on Facebook. He wrote that he hadn't recognized Allers' and Watson's discomfort at the time of the incidents they described. He acknowledged that he had a short relationship with Amet in the 1980s but rejected her allegation of assault.

Tyson wrote that he would fully cooperate with the investigation into the allegations.

In a statement, "Cosmos" producers told The Washington Post that they are "committed to a thorough investigation of this matter and to act accordingly as soon as it is concluded.... The credo at the heart of COSMOS is to follow the evidence wherever it leads."

Fox Entertainment and National Geographic, which air the show, said they had just become aware of the allegations and are reviewing the reports. 21st Century Fox jointly owns the National Geographic channel with the National Geographic Society.

Kevin Marvel, executive officer of the American Astronomical Society, said the society has not received any complaints involving Tyson since its code of conduct was implemented in 2008. He added that the society does not conduct investigations unless it has received a complaint.

Tyson is an elected member of the AAS.



Tyson

# Deported nurse wins approval to return to US

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A nurse who was deported to Mexico has won her improbable fight to return to her four children and job in California after winning a ticket in a visa lottery.

Maria Mendoza-Sanchez told the San Francisco Chronicle she learned Friday her visa had been approved by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

"This is amazing," she said. "I could barely believe it."

Mendoza-Sanchez, 47, and her husband were deported to Mexico last year amid the Trump administration's crackdown on undocumented immigrants.

Her case drew support from political leaders, and her colleagues at Highland Hospital in Oakland held a rally protesting her deportation.

The hospital petitioned for her



LEAN MILLIS, THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE/AP

Maria Mendoza-Sanchez says goodbye to her daughter, Melin, as her husband, Eusebio, tries to keep his composure as they prepared to board their self-deportation flight back to Mexico in August 2017. The family has won its fight to allow her to return to the U.S.

to get an H-1B visa, arguing her experience caring for cancer patients qualifies her as a highly

skilled worker. Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein, of California, said she was pleased Mendoza-

Sanchez was granted the visa, given the nurse's contributions to her community and the importance of reuniting her family.

Mendoza-Sanchez entered the country in 1994 without a visa to join her husband. She got work permits in the early 2000s, studied and worked her way up to become an oncology nurse.

The couple had been trying to obtain legal status since 2002, but their request was denied, and in 2013, an immigration judge ordered them deported. President Barack Obama's administration, however, granted them two one-year stays, then adopted rules that focused on deporting criminals and allowed the couple to remain in the U.S.

But last year, they were forced to return to Mexico under the Trump administration's immigration policy.

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## WORLD

# Macron tours damaged Arc de Triomphe

By SYLVIE CORBET  
Associated Press

PARIS — French President Emmanuel Macron visited the graffiti-damaged Arc de Triomphe monument and held an emergency meeting on security Sunday, a day after central Paris was hit by France's worst riot in a generation.

Macron, who was meeting with his prime minister and interior and environment ministers, has vowed that those responsible for the violence and the damages will pay for their actions.

His tour of France's beloved monument came just hours after he flew back from the G-20 summit in Argentina.

Macron paid tribute to the Unknown Soldier from World War I whose tomb is under the monument.

He then headed to a nearby avenue where activists wearing yellow jackets had torched cars, smashed windows, looted stores and battled police on Saturday. There he met with firefighters, police officers and restaurant owners.

Paris police said Sunday that 133 people had been injured and 412 had been arrested as pro-



KAMIL ZHINOGLU/AP

**Demonstrators stand by the words "The yellow jackets will triumph" written in big black letters at the base of the Arc de Triomphe during a demonstration in Paris on Saturday.**

testers trashed the streets of the capital during a demonstration Saturday against rising taxes and

the high cost of living.

Charred cars, broken windows and downed fences from the riot

littered many of the city's most popular tourist areas on Sunday, including major avenues near the

Arc de Triomphe, streets around the famed Champs-Élysées Avenue, and the Tuileries garden. Graffiti was also sprayed on many stores and buildings.

By Sunday morning, Paris city employees were cleaning up the graffiti on the Arc de Triomphe. One slogan read: "Yellow jackets will triumph" — a reference to the fluorescent yellow vests that protesters wore to demand relief for France's beleaguered workers.

The demonstrators say Macron's government does not care about the problems of ordinary people. The grass-roots protests began Nov. 17 with motorists upset over a fuel tax increase but now involve a broad range of demands related to France's high cost of living.

Macron, speaking in Buenos Aires before he flew home, welcomed the views of the protesters but said there was no place for violence in public discourse.

"[Violence] has nothing to do with the peaceful expression of a legitimate anger" and "no cause justifies" attacks on police or pillaging stores and burning buildings, Macron said.

## Israeli police recommend indicting Netanyahu in telecom case

By ARON HELLER  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli police on Sunday recommended indicting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on bribery charges related to a corruption case involving Israel's telecom giant, prompting immediate calls for his resignation.

Police say their investigation has established an evidentiary foundation to charge Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, with accepting

bribes, fraud and breach of trust. The case revolves around suspicions that confidants of Netanyahu promoted regulations worth hundreds of millions of dollars to the Bezeq telecom company in exchange for positive coverage of the prime minister on Bezeq's subsidiary news website, Walla.

Police have already recommended indicting Netanyahu on corruption charges in two other cases. One involves accepting gifts from billionaire friends, and

the second revolves around alleged offers of advantageous legislation for a newspaper in return for positive coverage.

The prime minister has denied any wrongdoing, dismissing the accusations as a witch hunt orchestrated by the media.

The Bezeq case, known as Case 4000, is the most serious of all those in which Netanyahu has been accused. Two of his top confidants have turned state witnesses and are believed to have

provided police with incriminating evidence. Netanyahu held the government's communications portfolio until last year and oversaw regulation in the field. Former journalists at the Walla news site have attested to being pressured to refrain from negative reporting of Netanyahu.

Police say the investigation, which included the testimony of 60 witnesses, revealed that Netanyahu and Bezeq boss Shaul Elovitch engaged in a "bribe-

based relationship."

From 2012 to 2017 the prime minister and his associates "blatantly intervened" on a near-daily basis in the Walla news site, using the connections with Elovitch to influence appointments there and to promote flattering articles and pictures while quelling critical stories of the prime minister and his family, police said.

Police are also recommending charges be brought against Elovitch and members of his family.

## Climate talks begin in Poland

Associated Press

KATOWICE, Poland — Negotiators from around the world began two weeks of talks on curbing climate change Sunday, three years after sealing a landmark deal in Paris that set a goal of keeping global warming well below 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit.

Envoys from almost 200 nations gathered in Poland's southern city of Katowice, a day earlier than originally planned, for the U.N. meeting that's scheduled to run until Dec. 14.

Ministers and some heads of government are joining in Monday when host Poland will push for a joint declaration to ensure a "just transition" for fossil fuel industries like coal producers who are facing closures, as part of efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The meeting received a boost over the weekend after 19 major economies at the G-20 summit affirmed their commitment to the 2015 Paris climate accord. The only holdout was the United States, which announced under President Donald Trump that it is withdrawing from the climate pact.

"It is sad that the federal administration of the United States, a country that is increasingly feeling the full force of climate impacts, continues to refuse to listen to the objective voice of science when it comes to climate change," Christiana Figueres, a former head of the U.N. climate office, said.

The meeting in Katowice is regarded as a key test of countries' willingness to back their lofty but distant goals with concrete measures, some of which are already drawing fierce protests.

## Ukraine asks allies to boost navies in Black Sea

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Ukraine's leader called on Germany and its allies to boost their naval presence in the Black Sea to deter Russia from further aggression in the region and said Russia was blockading Ukrainian ports on the nearby Sea of Azov.

Petro Poroshenko says Russia has deployed a large number of troops along its border with Ukraine. He alleged in an interview published Sunday that Russia intends to push inland into Ukraine following a clash in the Black Sea between the countries' forces.

"We need a strong, unified, unambiguous reaction to Russia's aggressive behavior," Poroshenko said in the interview published by Germany's Funke Media Group.

Citing the imminent threat of a Russian offensive, Poroshenko persuaded the Ukrainian par-

liament to implement 30 days of martial law.

During the naval clash a week ago, Russian coast guard vessels fired upon and seized three Ukrainian naval boats and their 24 crewmembers. The incident has driven tensions between Russia and Ukraine to their highest point since Moscow annexed Crimea in 2014.

Russia and Ukraine have blamed each other for the Nov. 25 clash in the Kerch Strait, which links the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. During that engagement, Russia closed the Kerch Strait to all traffic. Ukrainian officials have since accused Russia of denying passage to Ukrainian commercial traffic in and out of Mariupol and Berdyansk.

Speaking at a Ukrainian military event Saturday, Poroshenko said Russia has deployed "more than 80,000 troops, 1,400 artillery

and multiple rocket launch systems, 900 tanks, 2,300 armored combat vehicles, 500 aircraft and 300 helicopters" along their common border.

The martial law order included a ban on entry to Ukraine of all Russian males aged 16 to 60, a move Poroshenko said is designed to prevent undercover Russian military units from infiltrating the country.

Poroshenko said that tactic was used after Russia seized Crimea and began to support separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine, sparking a conflict that has left more than 10,000 people dead. An unsteady cease-fire has been in place there since 2015.

The Ukrainian border service said Saturday that around 100 Russian citizens had been denied entry since the border restrictions went into effect Friday.

## WORLD

# Tijuana closes migrant shelter near US border

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — The city government of Tijuana announced Saturday that it has closed down a migrant shelter at a sports complex close to the U.S. border that once held about 6,000 Central Americans who hope to get into the U.S.

Officials said all the migrants were being moved to a former concert venue much farther from the border. The city said in a statement the sports complex shelter was closed because of “bad sanitary conditions.”

Experts had expressed concerns about unsanitary conditions that had developed at the partly flooded sports complex, where the migrants had been

packed into a space adequate for half their number. Mud, lice infestations and respiratory infections were rampant.

The remaining migrants were taken by bus to the new shelter about 10 miles from the border crossing at Otay Mesa and 14 miles from San Ysidro, near where people line up to file applications for asylum in the United States.

Tijuana officials had said earlier that nobody would be forced to move to the new facility, a large building and concrete patio known as El Barretal that was used for concerts and other events until about six years ago. But they also warned they would stop offering food and medical services at the Benito Juarez sports complex.



REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP

A migrant family with their belongings packed waits in a tent on a street in Tijuana, Mexico, for buses to carry them to a new shelter.

The new shelter is being run by federal authorities.

Also Saturday, in one of his first acts in office, Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador signed an agreement with his counterparts from three Central American countries to establish a development plan to stem the

flow of migrants seeking asylum in the U.S.

The Foreign Ministry said the plan, which includes a fund to generate jobs in the region, aims to attack the systemic causes of migration from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

Thousands of migrants, mostly

Hondurans, have joined caravans in recent weeks in an effort to speed across Mexico to request refuge at the U.S. border.

Dozens of migrants interviewed by The Associated Press have said they are fleeing poverty and violence in their countries of origin.

## Explosive reported set off at US Consulate in Mexican City

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — The attorney general's office in the western Mexico state of Jalisco said federal officials have taken over an investigation into reports that an

explosive device was detonated at the U.S. Consulate in the city of Guadalajara.

The consulate in Mexico's second-biggest city said via Twitter that the office was closed because of what it described only as

a “security incident” Friday evening.

The tweet gave no details, though it said nobody was injured. It said U.S. officials are also investigating.

The consulate said it will provide more

information as it becomes available, including whether consular operations will be available Monday. Neither Mexican officials nor the consulate alluded to possible suspects in the incident.

## New leftist leader takes office, then opens Mexico's presidential residence to public

By MARIA VERZA  
AND AMY GUTHRIE

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's new president, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, 65, celebrated taking office Saturday with a festive gathering of supporters in the capital's main square in front of the centuries-old National Palace, where he will install his offices.

The leftist leader uses a compact car, shuns military bodyguards and refuses to live at the luxurious, heavily guarded presidential residence 6 miles to the west. He will reside instead at his modest home on the city's south side. One of Lopez Obrador's first official acts was to throw open the gates of the secretive, sprawling presidential residence known as Los Pinos, located in a corner of Mexico City's largest park. Closed to the public since the first parts were inaugurated in the 1930s, the compound will now be used for public events.

Gabriela Barrientos, a retired secretary, and Jesus Basilio, a market vendor, were among the first of hundreds to line up at the gates to enter what Basilio called “the house of the people, an em-

blematic place we will be able to enter for the first time.”

Yaneth Fierro, a housewife from Acapulco, expressed disappointment

**‘Nobody knew our presidents lived this way. It is like taking a mask off.’**

**Homero Fernandez**  
overseer of the presidential residence for the new government

from an upscale neighborhood near the compound, went to another gate to peer in before the opening.

“It is a little sad,” Jemsani said. “It was nice for the president to live in a good residence, like leaders in other countries do.”

Jemsani said he worries about the effects Lopez Obrador's policies will have on the economy,

noting stock prices and the Mexican peso have dropped in recent weeks. “People are nervous, including me,” Jemsani said.

Inside the compound, successive presidents had built several homes, ranging from palatial to casual. There were unmistakable signs of luxury: marble, artworks, room-size closets and wood-paneled libraries and offices. There was a small cinema in the basement of one building.

“Nobody knew our presidents lived this way. It is like taking a mask off,” said Homero Fernandez, who oversees the compound for the new government. “Under the pretext of national security, it was all very dark and ostentatious.”

On Saturday, Lopez Obrador shook hands from the window of a modest car as his motorcade made its way to the National Palace for a dinner with foreign dignitaries and leaders after his inauguration.

The mood on the square was festive. Traditional folk dancers and singers of ranchera ballads performed on the stage, while supporters waved flags with pictures of Lopez Obrador and vendors hawked cloth dolls and plastic figurines of the new president.



PHOTOS BY GINETTE RIQUELME/AP

Above: A man is overcome with emotion as he watches Mexico's presidential inauguration ceremony broadcast live on an outdoor video while sitting on the lawn of the Los Pinos presidential residence complex, now open to the public, in Mexico City on Saturday. Below: Visitors take photos inside the presidential office at the residence.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Deputies rescue man stuck in water well

**SD** SIOUX FALLS — The Custer County Sheriff's Department said two deputies rescued a man who became trapped in a well.

The Argus Leader reported deputies Derrick Reifennath and Carl Maude were called Thursday to a report of a man stuck in a water well who was unresponsive.

The sheriff's officesaid the man, 32, had been repairing the well but became stuck and appeared to be semiconscious and suffering from oxygen deprivation.

The two deputies pulled the man out and gave him oxygen until medical services arrived.

## 2 officers on leave over 'racist display'

**MN** MINNEAPOLIS — Two Minneapolis police officers were placed on paid leave Friday after their apparent involvement in Christmas tree decorations that the city's mayor called "despicable."

The Christmas tree at a precinct station on the city's North Side was decorated with items such as Newport cigarettes, police crime tape, a can of malt liquor, a Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen cup, and other things that Mayor Jacob Frey said amounted to a "racist display." A picture of the tree circulated online before the items were removed.

Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said the display was investigated and he has started a full investigation into the incident.

## Man fined \$5K for jumping off vessel

**WA** RICHLAND — The Coast Guard issued a \$5,000 fine to someone who jumped overboard from an entertainment vessel into the Columbia River in Richland in June.

The fine was issued in mid-November after the Coast Guard received an investigation report from the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff's office responded to the June 15 incident after they say a man climbed over the rail of a dinner cruise boat and jumped off. The sheriff's office said the man had asked the captain if he could jump, but the captain said no.

Intentionally jumping into the water from a passenger vessel is considered interfering with the safe operation of the vessel and is illegal.

## Preschoolers served Pine-Sol, not apple juice

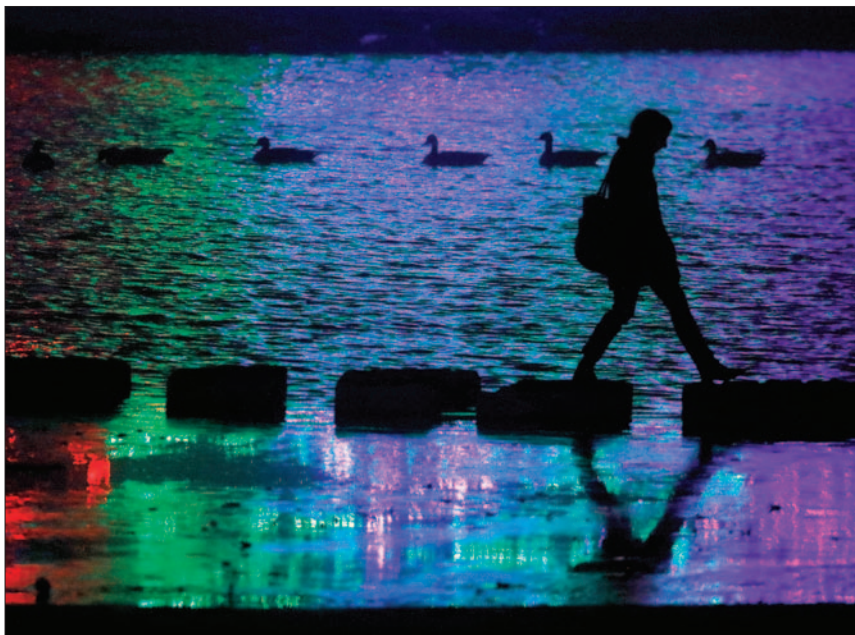
**HI** HONOLULU — Officials said three children took sips of the household cleaner Pine-Sol after a classroom assistant at a Honolulu preschool mistook the liquid for apple juice.

The Honolulu Emergency Services Department said paramedics evaluated three young girls at the Kilohana United Methodist Church Preschool on Tuesday, finding no signs of trauma or sickness.

## THE CENSUS

**300**

The approximate number of skiing and snowboarding Santas who took to the slopes Sunday at Maine's Sunday River ski resort. The red-suited lookalikes aimed to put a smile on people's faces while raising money for charity. The 19th annual Santa Sunday in the tiny western Maine town of Newry, about 80 miles northwest of Portland, has grown in popularity over the years. This year's crop of Kris Kringles was the largest. The skiing Santas participate in full garb, including a white beard, red hat and red outfit. The Santas must all donate a minimum of \$20.



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

## Reflecting on the pond

A woman is silhouetted against holiday lights reflecting off a pond in a park in Lenexa, Kan., on Friday.

The state Department of Health inspected the preschool afterward and found the cleaner was in its original container and properly labeled.

## Owner of injured horse found on highway sought

**FL** GAINESVILLE — Authorities said they're trying to track down the owner of a horse found injured near a Florida highway.

The Orlando Sentinel reported that the male horse was found early Friday morning along Interstate 75 just south of Gainesville. Officials believe he either fell out of a trailer or was hit by a vehicle.

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office said the horse, nicknamed "Teddy Bear Highway," was taken to a veterinarian for knee surgery.

## Chicken Soup Hotline soothes sick students

**PA** UNIVERSITY PARK — A Penn State Uni-

versity student group is helping soothe sick students with a chicken soup delivery service.

The Daily Collegian reported Penn State Hill's Chicken Soup Hotline program runs Monday through Thursday. Student manager Matt Altman said the Jewish student life group offers free "kosher-style matzah ball soup in chicken and vegetable options."

The soup is prepared every month at a kosher kitchen in the university's spiritual center before it's frozen. Students then reheat and deliver the soup on campus and in the downtown area.

Noah Bender, who supervises the soup operation, said donations from across the country support activities like the hotline.

## Man buried beneath cattle feed on farm dies

**MI** HARTFORD — A Middleville man, 35, died after being buried beneath cattle feed on a dairy farm in southwestern Michigan.

The Herald-Palladium, of St.

Joseph, reported that a 30-foot-high corn silage stack broke loose about 6:30 a.m. Friday on the farm in Van Buren County's Hartford area, southwest of Grand Rapids.

The county sheriff's office said the man was a subcontractor for a Grand Rapids company that was at the farm to conduct testing. Another worker found the man buried, and he was pronounced dead at a hospital.

## Rape case dismissed after deadline missed

**OH** AKRON — The case involving an alleged rape along the Ohio Turnpike has been dismissed because of a missed legal deadline.

The Akron Beacon Journal reported Saturday that the dismissal stemmed from a communication breakdown between the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Summit County prosecutors. A lawyer for the prosecutor's office called it almost "the perfect storm of how it could go wrong."

A woman claimed she was raped at gunpoint Aug. 10 by a

truck driver on the turnpike near Hudson. She escaped in Mahoning County and alerted troopers, who arrested Anthony Ingram. The case was dismissed Nov. 14 after Ingram's 90-day speedy-trial deadline passed without rape and kidnapping allegations being presented to a grand jury.

Authorities are exploring federal charges against Ingram, who is free.

## Hawk is discovered out of its element

**ME** PORTLAND — A hawk that is native to regions of Central and South America appears to have taken up residence in Maine for the winter.

The great black hawk was first spotted by Biddeford bird watchers in August, and popped up in a Portland park Thursday.

Maine Audubon said no one really expected a great black hawk would show up in Maine, let alone in the United States.

From wire reports



## FACES

# Role-play roller coaster

Stallone says he's done with iconic role; Evans might not be



DISNEY-MARVEL/AP

**Chris Evans has played Captain America/Steve Rogers since 'Captain America: The First Avenger' in 2011.**

Los Angeles Times

Chris Evans might not have actually hung up his Captain America shield just yet.

At least according to Marvel Cinematic Universe director Joe Russo, who told the Associated Press that Evans is "not done yet."

"I think it was more emotional for him than us," Russo said about Evans' last day of filming on "Avengers 4." "Only because he's not done yet. I don't want to explain what that means, but the audience will soon understand what I'm talking about."

In October, Evans posted a heartfelt message on Twitter that he had officially wrapped filming on "Avengers 4."

"Playing this role over the last 8 years has been an honor," Evans said in a tweet that many fans interpreted as a possible farewell to the character.

Evans has been playing Steve Rogers, aka Captain America, since 2011's "Captain America: The First Avenger."

In addition to "Avengers: Infinity War" and its untitled follow-up, Russo and his brother Anthony have directed two solo "Captain America" films — 2014's "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" and 2016's "Captain America: Civil War."

"These stories are reflective about how my brother and I feel about life and the way that we see things," Russo said. "For us it really is about, in what ways can we surprise the audience and tell a very challenging story we think is reflective of life."

While Russo did not reveal any specific details about "Avengers 4" in the video interview, he did confirm that at this point the movie is about three hours long.

"Avengers 4" is scheduled to hit theaters May 3, 2019.



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**Sylvester Stallone, shown in "Creed II," has played Rocky Balboa since "Rocky" came out in 1976.**

Newsday

Sylvester Stallone has indicated he is leaving the "Rocky" franchise following the recently released eighth film in the series "Creed II."

"I guess this is a pretty significant moment," tweeted Stallone, 72, who reprised his role as Rocky Balboa, the former heavyweight boxing champ now mentoring boxer Adonis Creed (Michael B. Jordan). In a video posted Nov. 28, Stallone says, "I thought Rocky was over in 2006" with "Rocky Balboa," "and I was very happy with that. And then all of a sudden this young man presented himself," he continues, indicating an off-camera Jordan, "and the whole story changed. It went on to a new generation, new problems, new adventures."

After adding that, "I couldn't be happier, because as I step back, as my story has been told, there's a whole new world that's going to be opening up for the audience," Stallone thanked "Creed II" director Steven Caple Jr. "and definitely you, Michael, for making that possible."

As Jordan walks into the frame, he and Stallone clasp hands and hug, and Stallone tells him, "Now, you have to carry the mantle!" "I got you!" replies Jordan, as the two raise their arms in a victory gesture. "There it is!" Stallone says happily.

In an accompanying Instagram message, he wrote, "I just want to thank everyone around the whole wide world for taking the Rocky family into their hearts for over 40 years. It's been my ultimate privilege to have been able to create and play this meaningful character. Though it breaks my heart, Sadly all things must pass... The most wonderful thing of all, is that ROCKY will never die because he lives on in you."

## Once a sensation, 'Walking Dead' just another show

From wire services

At some point, a television sensation becomes just another show. The numbers illustrate how that's become the case with AMC's drama, "The Walking Dead."

The zombies are taking a break at the halfway point of their ninth season, following an episode Nov. 25 that was seen by 5.1 million people. The Nielsen company said that at a similar point last year, the midseason finale reached 7.9 million people.

For the first seven episodes of the season, the show's viewership was down 23 percent compared with last year for people who watched on the night of its premiere, and down 21 percent when people who record it and watch within three days are taken into account, Nielsen said.

The high point for "The Walking Dead" was its seventh-season opener, seen by 21 million people.

AMC says it is hard for "The Walking Dead" to compete with the ratings standard set when it was a cultural touchstone, but that it's still television's second-ranked drama behind NBC's "This Is Us" among youthful viewers.

The network is also encouraged that the show survived the departure of star Andrew Lincoln earlier this season without a major drop in viewership.

New episodes for "The Walking Dead" begin again in February.

## Sales for Michelle Obama memoir top 2 million copies

Michelle Obama's "Becoming" is selling at a pace rarely seen for a political memoir, or any nonfiction book.

Combined hardcover, e-book and audio sales in the U.S. and Canada topped 2 million copies in the first 15 days, Crown Publishing announced Friday. By comparison, former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's memoir "Living History" needed a month to sell 1 million copies. Former President George W. Bush's "Decision Points" took several weeks to reach 2 million. Former President Bill Clinton's "My Life" quickly sold 1 million copies but took far longer to hit 2 million.

"Becoming," which came out Nov. 13, now has 3.4 million hardcover copies in print. The former first lady is in the midst of a promotional tour, with guests including Oprah Winfrey and Reese Witherspoon.

## Other news

■ Chinese movie actor **Jiang Jinfu**, 27, was arrested in Japan on suspicion of assaulting his then-girlfriend, causing injuries that police say required four weeks of treatment. Jiang, who is known for his leading role in the 2012 film "Xuan-Yuan Sword: The Seal of Slcy," apologized to his followers on the Weibo microblogging service Nov. 20, saying that he had been living in remorse and felt ashamed.

■ Alfonso Cuarón's "Roma" has dominated the **New York Film Critics Circle Awards**, winning best picture, best director and best cinematography.

■ Sen. **Ben Ray Lujan**, who co-wrote "American Affair" and helped doctor the script for "Star Wars" to make Princess Leia more forceful, died Nov. 25 after battling ovarian cancer. She was 76.

■ **Viola Davis** will star in the title role of "The Fighting Shirlin Chisholm," about the Democratic Brooklyn congresswoman who was the first African-American female in the U.S. House of Representatives and the first African-American to make a major-party presidential primary bid.

## Comedy Central orders series about Awkwafina's life

Los Angeles Times

Capping off a banner year that included a role in the all-female heist sequel "Ocean's 8" and a scene-stealing turn in "Crazy Rich Asians," rapper-comedian-actress Awkwafina is now slated to star in a Comedy Central show based on her life.

The network announced Nov. 29 that it has ordered 10 episodes of the 29-year-old multi-hyphenate's eponymous scripted series. The half-hour comedy will focus on her early 20s when she lived in Queens with her father and grandmother while dreaming of making it big. BD Wong ("Mr. Robot") will play her father, Lori Tan Chinn ("Orange Is the New Black") her grandmother and Bowen Yang ("The Outs") Awkwafina's more successful cousin.

It marks the first scripted series fronted by an Asian American on the linear network. ("The Daily Show" correspondent Ronny Chieng had a digital series on the Comedy Central app that premiered this summer.)

Awkwafina, Karey Dornetto ("SMILF," "Portlandia") and Teresa Hsiao ("Family Guy," "American Dad") wrote the pilot, which is directed by Lucia Aniello ("Broad City").

"I've been watching Comedy Central since I was old enough to hold a remote, and so many of their shows have defined who I am today," said Awkwafina, who will also serve as an executive producer. "I am so honored to ... tell the story of an Asian American girl against the backdrop of the city I was raised."

The series order continues a high-flying year for Awkwafina. She also appeared in the Netflix movie "Dude," and hosted "Saturday Night Live." It was also announced last week that she has two films, "The Farewell" and "Paradise Hills," premiering at Sundance next year.

The series will bring another strong female perspective to a network that has skewed male despite breakout hits like "Broad City" and "Inside Amy Schumer."

Sarah Babinneau and Jonas Larsen, executive vice presidents and co-heads of talent and development for Comedy Central, touted the show as "both a personal look into one of comedy's brightest stars and also a relatable, funny profile of a young hustler's struggle."

## BUSINESS/WEATHER

## GM white-collar job cuts are a warning for all

By Tom Krisher  
and Josh Boak  
Associated Press

**DETROIT** — For generations, the career path to smart kids around Detroit was to get an engineering or business degree and get hired by an automaker or parts supplier. If you worked hard and didn't screw up, you had a job for life with enough money to raise a family, take vacations and buy a weekend cottage in northern Michigan.

Now that once-reliable route to prosperity appears to be vanishing, as evidenced by General Motors' announcement last week that it plans to shed 8,000 white-collar jobs on top of 6,000 blue-collar ones.

It was a humbling warning that in this era of rapid and disruptive technological change, those with a college education are not necessarily insulated from the kind of layoffs factory workers know all too well.

The cutbacks reflect a transformation underway in both the auto industry and the broader U.S. economy, with nearly every type of business becoming oriented toward computers, software and automation.

"This is a big mega-trend pervading the whole economy," said Mark Muro, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who has researched changes being caused by the digital age.

Cities that suffered manufacturing job losses decades ago are now grappling with the problem of fewer opportunities for white-collar employees such as managers, lawyers, bankers and accountants. Since 2008, The Associated Press found, roughly a third of major U.S. metro areas have lost a greater percentage of



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**General Motors Chairman and CEO Mary Barra speaks next to an autonomous Chevrolet Bolt electric car in Detroit in 2016. GM said shedding jobs through buyouts and layoffs is necessary to invest in self-driving cars and other new technologies.**

white-collar jobs than blue-collar jobs. It's a phenomenon seen in such places as Wichita, Kan.,

**'I don't think the second wave is going to be pretty at all. It's going to be brutal.'**

with its downsized aircraft industry, and towns in Wisconsin that have lost auto, industrial machinery or furniture-making jobs. In GM's case, the jobs that will be shed through buyouts and layoffs are held largely by people who are experts in the internal combustion engine — mechanical engineers and others who spent their careers working on fuel injectors, transmissions, exhaust systems and other com-

ponents that won't be needed for the electric cars that eventually will drive themselves. GM, the nation's largest automaker, says those vehicles are its future.

"We're talking about high-skilled people who have made a substantial investment in their education," said Marina Whitman, a retired professor of business and public policy at the University of Michigan and a former GM chief economist. "The transitions can be extremely painful for a subset of people."

GM is still hiring white-collar employees, but the new jobs are for those who can write software code, design laser sensors or develop batteries and other devices for future vehicles.

Although the job cuts took him and co-workers by surprise, Tracy Lucas, 54, a GM engine quality manager, decided to take the buyout and change careers. His children are grown and on their own, and with 33 years in

at GM, he will get a pension and health care.

The buyout will also give him about eight months of pay, enough time to take his newly earned master's degree in business administration and look for different work.

He is leaving in part, he said, to save a job for younger co-workers. GM got 2,250 white-collar workers to take buyouts, and will have to complete the cutbacks by way of layoffs.

"I really hate that we have to go into the whole process of tapping people on the shoulder," Lucas said. "I don't think the second wave is going to be pretty at all. It's going to be brutal."

The white-collar cutbacks — combined with more to come at Ford, which is likewise making the transition from personal ownership of gasoline-burning vehicles to ride-sharing and self-driving electric cars — could hamper the renaissance underway in Detroit, which is emerging from bankruptcy and a long population decline.

Many of those automotive industry engineers and managers are pulling down six-figure salaries, and some may have to move out of the Detroit metro area for new jobs.

The Brookings Institution's Muro wonders whether auto companies will bring more electrical engineers and software developers to Michigan or put them in places where such jobs are already clustered, such as San Francisco, Seattle, Boston or near major research universities.

GM said it will hire in the Detroit area, but its autonomous-vehicle workforce has grown to more than 1,000 at offices in San Francisco and Seattle.

Nearly all of the 8,000 white-

collar cutbacks will be in metropolitan Detroit, largely at GM's technical center in Warren, a suburb north of the city. That's equal to about 4 percent of the managerial and engineering jobs in the Detroit-Warren area, according to the Labor Department.

Ford, which is just beginning its salaried workforce downsizing, hasn't said how many will go.

Layoffs are also likely to spread to auto parts suppliers, which won't need to design and build as many parts for gas-powered cars.

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## OPINION

## Goodbye to the quiet president, Bush

By JOHN H. SUNUNU  
Special To The Washington Post

President George H.W. Bush always considered Lou Gehrig, the Hall of Fame baseball player for the New York Yankees, to be one of his greatest heroes. No doubt, this admiration stemmed in part from Bush's own baseball career. Like Gehrig, Bush played as a left-handed first baseman, for the Yale baseball team.

But more substantially, Gehrig's career closely mirrored that of Bush. Gehrig played in the shadow of the legendary Babe Ruth, much like Bush did in the shadow of his partner Ronald Reagan. And like Gehrig, Bush operated more comfortably as the soft-spoken member of his partnership. As he said in his 1988 Republican convention acceptance speech, "I am a quiet man, but I hear the quiet people others don't."

Bush, our 41st president of the United States and my friend, died on Nov. 30 at age 94. Although he would never be comfortable taking credit for the success of his life, most historians now agree that Bush was a great president who accomplished great things. He helped make America safer and the world more stable and more prosperous than ever before in history.

When Bush entered the White House in 1989, he faced many issues that had been lingering for decades: budget deficits, the struggle against communism, instability in Latin America, social inequality, threats to the environment, and struggling schools throughout the country. But he faced them as any former fighter pilot would, telling the American people, "I am a man who sees life in terms of missions — missions defined,

and missions completed."

On the international stage, he not only orchestrated one of the largest and most effective military campaigns in history — to drive Saddam Hussein from Kuwait — but he also artfully led the world through the most dramatic and remarkable political transformations of the modern era: the fall of the Berlin Wall, the reunification of Germany, the restoration of democracy in Eastern Europe and the collapse of the Soviet Union. Bush's quiet, skillful and steadfast guidance was exactly the kind of leadership America needed as it stepped onto the stage as the world's lone superpower.

For too long, those international triumphs overshadowed Bush's equally significant and equally great performance on the domestic side. Though he served only a single term, he had an amazing record in terms of legislation proposed and passed. Except for Franklin D. Roosevelt's legislative blitz during the Great Depression, and Lyndon B. Johnson's masterful and opportunistic policymaking run in the aftermath of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the domestic legislative record of George H.W. Bush is arguably the most prolific, impactful and precedent-setting of all the modern presidencies.

He signed into law more than a dozen major pieces of domestic legislation during his single term, including the 1990 budget bill, energy deregulation, the Clean Air Act, the 1990 farm bill, his crime bill, the 1991 Civil Rights Act and the Americans With Disabilities Act.

He also produced the first set of national performance goals to spur the improvement of education in our K-12 schools. He

also helped to reinvigorate the economies of Latin America under the Brady plan and negotiated the North American Free Trade Agreement. His budget and his policies set the stage for our fiscal prosperity of the 1990s. And he accomplished all of this despite a heavily partisan, Democratic-controlled Congress. ...

His achievements brought forth a new era of global opportunity dramatically different from the one he and Reagan inherited in 1981. But it is that quiet Bush style that helped make such a dramatic transformation possible.

Consider the fall of the Berlin Wall. That day, we quickly arranged a press availability in the Oval Office where the president cautiously expressed appreciation for what had been achieved but noted there was still a long way to go.

The media and his political opponents immediately criticized him for not being jubilant and declaring total victory over the Soviets. But Bush knew it was not over yet. He knew that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was at risk of being overthrown by hard-liners who would use gloating by Bush to charge Gorbachev with embarrassing Mother Russia. Gorbachev confirmed as much in his memoirs, emphasizing that if Bush had not been humble in triumph, the entire process of transformation could have been undone.

As president, George H.W. Bush laid a solid foundation for his successors to build on. In any case, the world will miss a great president. And I will miss a great friend.

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## Don't punish US for Saudi Arabia's crimes

By ELI LAKE

Bloomberg Opinion

If you want to understand why the Senate voted last week to move forward with a resolution ending U.S. support for the Saudi-led war in Yemen, read the speech that Bob Corker delivered from the Senate floor on Wednesday.

The outgoing chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has long been an ally of Saudi Arabia in Washington. And yet Corker voted to move the Yemen resolution out of his committee. Mind you, he didn't say he would be supporting it when it comes to the floor for a vote. Rather, he was sending a message to the Trump administration to come down harder on Saudi crown prince Mohammed bin Salman for his role in the death of Washington Post contributing columnist Jamal Khashoggi.

Corker was disappointed by the briefing he and his colleagues received from Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. Some of this is about procedure: Many senators wanted a briefing about Khashoggi from CIA Director Gina Haspel. Some of this is about style: Many senators were infuriated by President Donald Trump's statement on the crown prince's unknowable culpability in the murder. Both objections beg the question: What does any of this have to do with the Saudis?

Just look at Sen. Lindsey Graham's comments following the briefing. Not only did he vow to hold up any legislation the White House wants in the lame-duck session until he gets a briefing from the CIA director on Khashoggi, he also promised an end to "business as usual" with Saudi Arabia, if indeed the crown prince was implicated in his killing.

Graham's concerns are valid. It's important that the House of Saud pay a price for its recklessness. And Trump committed an unforced error when he cleared the crown prince of any responsibility. The U.S. should not go along with the ever-changing Saudi cover-up.

That said, the Saudis have paid a price in terms of prestige. There is a process to hold many senior officials accountable, using so-called Magnitsky sanctions. And even as the administration is arguing Saudi Arabia's Congress, it is pressing the Saudis to curb their abuses in the Yemen war by adopting better rules of engagement and cutting off mid-air refueling to Saudi bombers.

Which brings us back to the Yemen resolution itself. It is a blunt instrument that fails to consider what happens when the U.S. leaves. If America withdraws all together from the Yemen conflict, it's unlikely the Saudis would immediately stop fighting. They consider the Iranian presence in Yemen, and in particular Iran's shipment of missiles to its Houthi clients, as a direct threat to Riyadh.

And what if the Saudis end the short term for the Saudis to replace the U.S. as their chief supplier of weapons, in the longer term a U.S. withdrawal would drive them into the arms of the Chinese and Russians. The Saudis have already signed a nuclear cooperation agreement with China, and the Russians have offered to sell Riyadh S-400 air defense systems. That alone would undermine U.S. security in the region because Saudi Arabia's current air defenses are guided by an American radar system deployed in the Middle East.

Still, let's suppose an end to American support would force Saudi Arabia to stop fighting. Would that make the terms for peace better or worse for American inter-

ests? What incentive would Iran have at that point to leave Yemen?

Graham, Corker and other Republicans who voted against the White House understood it. They must know that it's a nerve play to move forward with a sure-to-be bruising floor debate over the U.S.-Saudi alliance in order to spur the president to take a tougher rhetorical line on Khashoggi. They also must know that there is no chance the House of Representatives will adopt a similar measure in the remaining days of the session.

In that sense, this debate is even more craven politics than it appears. It's a chance for senators to vote to end U.S. support for the Saudis in Yemen without having to face the consequences of such a policy.

There is some principle involved. The goal of the Yemen resolution is a strange alliance between conservative Republican Sen. Mike Lee, of Utah, and independent Sen. Bernie Sanders, of Vermont. Both support the resolution in part as a way for Congress to reassert its war powers. It counts as an irony that this resolution is now the vehicle for symbolic dissent.

It's important to remember why the U.S. is aligned at the moment with Saudi Arabia: It is on the American side in a regional war against Iran.

That does not mean the crown prince has permission to send hit teams abroad to murder his critics. If the state wanted to be clear about that, it could easily have passed a resolution saying so. Threatening to cut off U.S. support for a war against Iran's proxies in Yemen punishes America for the crime of its ally.

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## OPINION

## If vaping can help people quit smoking, a law that

By ROBERT GRABOYES  
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Special to Tribune News Service

Should the government discourage a technology that can save your life because someone else might suffer ill, though nonlethal, effects from using the same technology foolishly? That's the crux of Washington's debate over electronic cigarettes (also known as "vaping").

Research and personal testimonials from our vaping acquaintances persuade us of several things: E-cigarettes appear to be the most effective means for weaning smokers from the cancer-causing combustible tobacco. Fruity-flavored vapor boosts the likelihood of quitting smoking altogether. And publicity is important for persuading smokers to shift to vaping.

Yet moves are afoot in Washington to limit publicity for e-cigarettes and limit access to fruity flavors because they might lure youthful users. (For the record, one co-author of this column smoked a few cigars four decades ago. The other tried a few cigarettes and puffs of e-cigarette vapor out of curiosity. For both of us, the appeal of nicotine is a mystery.)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention describes cigarette smoking as the world's leading cause of preventable death. Dr. Alton Ochsner first made the connection between tobacco smoke and lung cancer in 1939, and mountains of evidence have confirmed the hazards. Yet, National Center for Health Statistics data show 14 percent of the population still chooses to smoke (or is unable to stop).

E-cigarettes originated in the 1960s but achieved wide popularity only in the past decade. In 2016, more than 15 percent of adults reported having tried e-cigarettes. Previously, smokers were merely advised to reduce cigarette consumption and fight the withdrawal symptoms of nicotine addiction, aided, perhaps, by largely ineffective nicotine gum or patches. E-cigarettes offer a different cessation strategy. Sophisticated electronics satisfy smokers' cravings for nicotine and pleasure from inhaling. But the delivery mechanism — vapor rather than smoke — virtually eliminates, rather than merely reduces, inhaled carcinogens. Whether e-cigarettes vaporize nicotine or eventually gives up all the tarco product (including e-cigarettes), carcinogen intake plunges instantaneously.

Unfortunately, some teenagers and oth-

ers will begin vaping when they might otherwise have abstained from nicotine altogether. Of course, absent e-cigarettes, some youthful vapers would have turned instead to cigarettes.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is charged with protecting Americans' health. Recently, the FDA, and specifically Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, have moved to limit aspects of vaping deemed most attractive to younger nonsmokers — namely, those fruity flavors and the products' presence on social media.

But herein lies the tradeoff. While a clever Facebook page or Twitter feed might indeed attract teenagers' attention, it might also persuade older smokers to drop smoking and start vaping. (Gottlieb himself said, "I've talked to ex-smokers, who've told me ... it was the flavors that helped them make that transition off combustible cigarettes.") Mint-, cucumber- or mango-flavored vapor might attract teenagers, but those flavors also appear to ease smokers off cigarettes more effectively. By some accounts, the flavor even masks the harsh smell of burnt tobacco repugnant to some ex-smokers. Furthermore, a study published in online medical journal BMC Medicine indicates that smokers who spend time with vapers

are likelier to try quitting smoking.

Given the toxicity of combustible tobacco, both smoke and flavor mean lives saved. Gottlieb's concerns aren't unfounded. A recent FDA study shows high school e-cigarette usage rising rapidly, with youthful users showing a strong preference for fruity vapor. As vaping has risen, the good news is that high school cigarette smoking has plummeted.

Official antipathy toward nicotine isn't new, and it hasn't solved the problem yet. In 1604, Britain's King James I called smoking a "filthie novelty ... (a) custome lothsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the braine, dangerous to the Lungs, and in the blacke stinking fume thereof, nearest resembling the horrible Stigian smoke of the pit that is bottomlesse."

So, should governments discourage a lifesaving technology because someone else might misuse said technology? The answer is "no" in this case. The sensible response to e-cigarettes is restrictions on youth behavior and enforcement of those restrictions by authorities — and parents.

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## ‘Blue Water Navy’ bill sinking in Senate despite late-hour talks

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As many as 90,000 alleged "Blue Water Navy" veterans are likely to have to wait for a new Congress to see legislation passed that would make them eligible for Agent Orange-related disability compensation and Veterans Affairs-paid health care.

Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, and Jon Tester, of Montana, its ranking Democrat, negotiated last week with veteran service organizations, seeking to amend the House-passed Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act (HR 299) in ways that would satisfy both veteran groups and Republican senators threatening to block a vote on the bill.

The negotiations exposed a deepening desire among Senate Republicans to expose tighter controls on creating presumptions of service connection between certain exposures, including herbicides sprayed in the Vietnam War, and diseases of veterans involved in past or future wars. Battle lines are forming over whether Congress and past Department of Veterans Affairs secretaries have gone too far in building lists of conditions that the VA presumes are linked to dioxins, burn pits and battlefield environments.

The high-water mark for veteran advocates might have been reached in June when the House passed a Blue Water Navy bill unanimously. By August, a new VA secretary, Robert Wilkie, reversed that momentum, directing deputies to strongly oppose extending Agent Orange-related benefits to sailors and Marines who patrolled territorial waters off Vietnam but didn't come ashore or operate in "brown water" nearer to sprayed foliage or runoff from dioxin-laced herbicides.

Wilkie urged to Isakson in early September that the House bill was "premature" extending benefits to Blue Water Navy veterans, given that exposure levels are undetermined and the potency of dioxins sprayed over land likely was diluted so as not to affect personnel at sea. He also complained that passage of HR 299 would slow efforts to end a backlog of VA compensation claim appeals, and that the House

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bill would cover the cost of new benefits in part by raising VA home loan fees, including, for the first time, imposing fees on disabled veterans, those who seek to buy higher priced homes using VA-backed jumbo mortgages.

At a late September hearing with Wilkie, Isakson insisted to colleagues that Wilkie had agreed to work with his committee on a compromise Blue Water bill. Wilkie, however, didn't affirm such cooperation that day or since.

With a lame-duck Congress set to adjourn by mid-December, Isakson advised veteran groups he doesn't have time to build a routine business case for a revised bill with a committee hearing and floor debate. Instead he hoped for a quick deal on a few amendments so the Senate could approve the bill by unanimous consent.

Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tenn., chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, told Sen. Lee he was standing by to get a revised bill back from the Senate that veteran groups endorsed and the House could pass again for Blue Water veterans. But an eight-day window to get all of that done was closing fast, Roe warned.

Meanwhile at least two Republican senators — Mike Enzi, of Wyoming; Rand Paul, of Kentucky; and Mike Lee, of Utah — were said to have put holds the Blue Water bill that would block a swift year-end Senate vote. We learned their names hours before deadline and asked the senators to refuse to affirm their opposition.

Only Sen. Lee's office responded immediately, saying he "did object to passing the bill by unanimous consent. Other senators also have concerns. Senator Lee wants to wait for a forthcoming study on the extent of Agent Orange exposure," which Wilkie promised to deliver in 2019, "before this bill is voted on."

Isakson continued his fight for a late-hour compromise. He did so by embracing an informal but controversial proposal from first-term senator and physician Bill Cassidy, R-La. Cassidy supports the Blue Water legislation, but to attract support from more colleagues he proposes that the

bill change current law to require a stronger scientific association between toxins and lists of medical conditions the VA presumes to be caused by service.

Cassidy and Isakson asked executive directors of the four largest veteran service organizations — The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and Paralyzed Veterans of America — to back an amendment that would require that the science behind a "sufficient" association between a toxin and a disease before a VA secretary can add it to a presumptive ailment list.

Under current law, a VA secretary can add an ailment to the VA's presumptive list if the National Academy of Medicine confirms either a "limited or suggestive" association between exposure and disease or a "sufficient" association.

The Cassidy proposal would discard the limited or suggestive category but protect veterans who gained benefits due to past VA secretaries using the lower association to build presumptive lists. The change would make it more difficult to add diseases to current presumptive lists. Also, veterans who file disability claims after the proposal becomes law could see their claims denied for conditions the VA previously granted a service-connection almost automatically.

Under the Cassidy proposal, conditions on the current Agent Orange presumptive list were based on limited or suggestive association to herbicide exposure. Those include type-2 diabetes; laryngeal cancer; cancer of the lung, bronchus or trachea; prostate cancer; multiple myeloma; AL amyloidosis; peripheral neuropathy; Parkinson's disease; porphyria cutanea tarda; ischemic heart disease; and stroke. The VA continues to study whether to add Parkinson-like syndromes, hypothyroidism and bladder cancer using limited or suggestive evidence.

The Cassidy proposal were to become law, Vietnam veterans newly diagnosed with those ailments after enactment would not qualify automatically for disability compensation and health care. A more thorough review process would be needed to establish service connection.

Veteran groups last week rejected that proposal. Cassidy and Isakson countered

by adding a "sunrise" feature. That is, Congress would pass the Blue Water bill and adopt the stiffer presumptive standard retroactively to the date of enactment. This would allow Congress and veteran groups time to negotiate a more acceptable path for strengthening the science behind presumptive conditions.

Veterat groups made a counter proposal: Pass the Blue Water Navy bill and veteran groups would promise to engage in a presumptive decision-making process with concerned lawmakers in 2019. The bill also would amend the plan to pay for Blue Water benefits, accepting Isakson's idea to continue to protect all disabled veterans from VA home loans fees but extend the period when higher fees are imposed on other VA home loan users by two years. That's where negotiations stood by Thursday, and with at least one senator still prepared to block a vote.

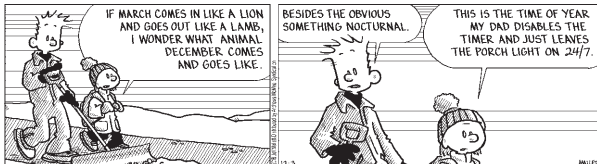
In a related development, the National Academy of Medicine released a new Agent Orange report in November that upgrades "sufficient" the strength of association between hypertension (high blood pressure) and herbicide exposure. This upgrade from limited or suggestive association seems to strengthen the possibility that hypertension will be added to the Agent Orange presumptive list — even if something like the Cassidy proposal were to become law and remove many ailments from the presumptive list for future claimants.

However, even a revised Agent Orange law would not mandate that a VA secretary adopt every National Academy recommendation. The strength of association among older Americans that every VA secretary since 2010 has declined to add to the Agent Orange presumptive list even though the strength of association to herbicide exposure matched that of less common ailments on the list.

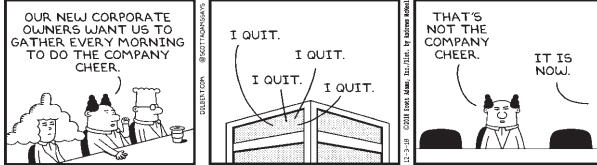
As the Cassidy proposal for the Blue Water Navy bill sinks in the Senate, Republicans are likely to keep its fate in the next Congress tied to their desire to strengthen the science behind presumptions of service-connected exposures.

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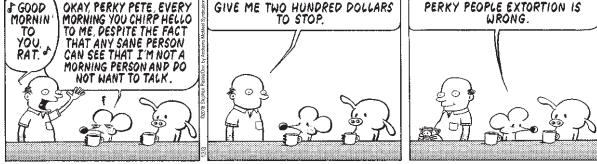
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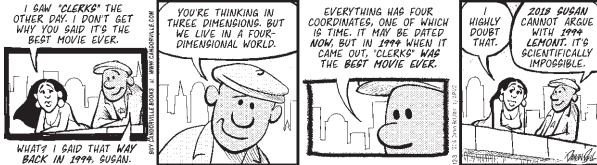
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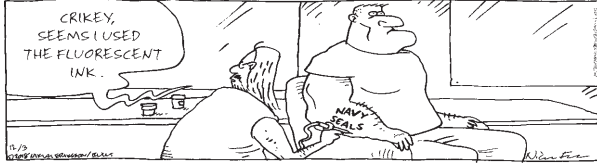
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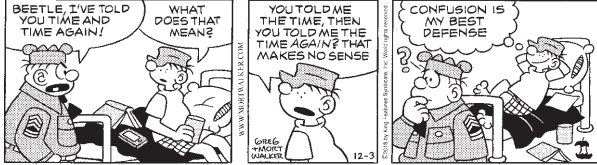
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- 15 Shipshape
- 16 Chickpea
- alternative in some falafels
- 18 Molly
- 20 Puts into law
- 21 Partially mine
- 23 Days of yore
- 24 Apollo 12
- astronaut
- 28 Low digits
- 31 Fun and games
- 32 Tennis great
- Monica
- 34 Capote
- nickname
- 35 Edict
- 37 "The Lord of the Rings" actor
- 39 Carried out
- 41 Luminary
- 42 Hansel's sister
- 45 Vain person
- 49 Succotash morsel
- 51 Baltic Sea feeder
- 52 Actress Lena
- 53 Fri. precursor

#### DOWN

- 19 Centers
- 22 Red-tag events
- 24 "Bow-wow!"
- 25 Luau souvenir
- 26 College life
- 27 Dedutter
- 29 Epoch
- 30 Day light?
- 33 Hose woe
- 36 Tennessee team
- 38 Worries
- 40 Society
- newbie
- 42 Icky stuff
- 43 Anger
- 44 Reply to
- "Shall we?"
- 46 Pedestal
- occupant
- 47 Antitoxins
- 48 Snare
- 50 "Eureka!" suffix

#### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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#### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	0	727	307
Baltimore	4	0	455	235
Buffalo	4	0	364	172
N.Y. Jets	3	0	273	221

#### South

Houston	8	0	727	273
Indianapolis	6	5	545	325
Tennessee	5	6	455	195
Jacksonville	3	7	273	197

#### North

Pittsburgh	7	1	682	316
Cincinnati	6	5	545	276
Cleveland	5	6	455	253

#### West

Kansas City	9	2	818	404
Denver	5	6	455	252
Oakland	4	7	364	238

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	0	583	247
Washington	6	0	545	220
Philadelphia	5	1	455	235
N.Y. Giants	3	8	273	238

#### South

New Orleans	10	0	818	269
Carolina	6	0	545	287
Atlanta	4	1	364	280
Tampa Bay	4	0	364	238

#### North

Chicago	8	3	727	317
Minnesota	6	4	511	265
Green Bay	4	7	364	238
Detroit	4	0	364	238

#### East

L.A. Rams	10	1	809	389
Seattle	6	5	545	276
Arizona	2	9	273	238
San Francisco	2	9	182	239

#### Thursday's games

L.A. Rams at Carolina	7:00
Atlanta at Tampa Bay	7:00
Denver at Cincinnati	7:00
Atlanta at Atlanta	7:00
Chicago at N.Y. Giants	7:00
Cleveland at Jacksonville	7:00
Indianapolis at Houston	7:00
Buffalo at Miami	7:00
Northeastern Ill. at Tennessee	7:00
Kansas City at Oakland	7:00
San Francisco at Seattle	7:00
Philadelphia at New England	7:00
L.A. Chargers at Pittsburgh	7:00

#### Monday's games

Washington at Philadelphia	7:00
Jacksonville at Tennessee	7:00
New Orleans at Tampa Bay	7:00
N.Y. Giants at Washington	7:00
Indianapolis at Houston	7:00
Carolina at Cleveland	7:00
New England at Miami	7:00
Atlanta at Kansas City	7:00
Cincinnati at L.A. Chargers	7:00
Atlanta at San Francisco	7:00
Detroit at Arizona	7:00
Pittsburgh at Oakland	7:00
L.A. Rams at Chicago	7:00

#### Monday, Dec. 10

Minnesota at Seattle	7:00
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## Pro soccer

### MLS playoffs

#### Conference Semifinals

##### Home-and-away

##### Second leg

##### Eastern Conference

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##### Home-and-away

##### First leg

##### Second leg

##### Western Conference

##### First leg

##### Second leg

##### MLS Cup

##### Portland at Atlanta

## College basketball

### Men's AP Top 25 fared

#### Saturday

1. Gonzaga (8-0) beat Creighton 103-92. Next vs. Washington, Wednesday.

2. Kansas (6-0) beat Stanford 90-64, OT. Next vs. Wake Forest, Tuesday.

3. Duke (7-1) beat Seton Hall 49-49. Next vs. Hartford, Wednesday.

4. Virginia (7-0) did not play. Next vs. Morgan State, Monday.

5. Nevada (8-0) beat Southern Cal 73-61. Next vs. Arizona State, Monday.

6. Tennessee (5-1) did not play. Next vs. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Sunday.

7. Auburn (8-0) beat North Carolina 76-57. Next on Wednesday, Tuesday.

8. Michigan (6-1) did not play. Next vs. USC Asheville, Tuesday.

9. Virginia State (6-2) did not play. Next vs. No. 14 Iowa, Monday.

10. Kentucky (7-1) beat UNC Greensboro 78-63. Next vs. Seton Hall, Saturday.

11. North Carolina (6-2) did not play. Next vs. UNC Wilmington, Wednesday.

12. Kansas State (6-1) lost to Marquette 73-71. Next vs. Tulsa, Saturday.

13. Virginia Tech (6-1) beat CCSU 94-40. Next vs. VMI, Wednesday.

14. Iowa (5-1) did not play. Next at No. 9 Michigan State, Monday.

15. Virginia State (6-2) did not play. Next vs. Troy, Monday.

16. Ohio State (4-1) did not play. Next vs. Virginia Tech, Monday.

17. Texas (5-2) did not play. Next vs. VCU, Saturday.

18. Oregon (4-3) lost to Houston 65-61. Next vs. Omaha, Saturday.

19. Purdue (5-3) lost to No. 7 Michigan 76-57. Next at No. 24 Maryland, Thursday.

20. Texas Tech (7-0) beat Memphis 85-65. Next vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Wednesday.

21. Buffalo (7-0) beat San Francisco 85-65. Next vs. Lehigh, Wednesday.

22. Wisconsin (7-1) did not play. Next vs. Rutgers, Monday.

23. Mississippi State (6-2) beat La Salle 85-76. Next vs. Temple, Wednesday.

24. Maryland (7-0) beat Penn State 66-59. Next at No. 19 Purdue, Thursday.

25. Mississippi State (6-2) did not play. Next vs. McNeese, Tuesday.

### Saturday's men's scores

#### EAST

Army 63, Fairfield 60

Binghamton 89, Hartwick 70

Webster St. 79, Navy 50

Bryant 75, New Hampshire 65

Albany 65, Monmouth 63

Buffalo 85, San Francisco 81

Drexel 82, Robert Morris 69

Fordham 57, Manhattan 47

Hartford 76, Bowling Green 70

Long Island 67, Fairleigh Dickinson 49

Laurel 82, Arkansas 70

Louisville 70, Seton Hall 61

Loyola (Md.) 75, Morehead St. Mary's 65

Mass.-Lowell 94, NJIT 71

Northeastern Ill. 61, Penn State 67

Princeton 73, George Washington 52

Providence 99, Rhode Island 50

Siena 67, Harvard 61

St. Bonaventure 90, Delaware St. 61

Peter's 63, Maine 99

Stony Brook 71, Quinnipiac 61

Syracuse 63, Cornell 55

Temple 77, Saint Joseph's 70

Villanova 85, La Salle 78

West Virginia 106, Youngstown St. 62

#### SOUTH

Albany 82, Rutgers 66

Alabama Tech 85, Alabama A&M 61

Bethune-Cookman 72, FAU 70

Florida A&M 65, Elon 95

Chattanooga 71, Tennessee Tech 60

Col. of Charleston 72, Charlotte 64

Louisville 81, UNC 70

Duke 113, Seton Hall 49

UNC-Wilmington 79, High Point 69

Furman 90, W. Carolina 88, 2OT

Gardner-Webb 97, Savannah 84

George Mason 87, William & Mary 64

Hampton 114, Regent University 85

4057a 75, Kennesaw 56

Jacksonville 71, SC State 69

Louisville 81, W. North Carolina 56

Kentucky 78, Kentucky 57

Marshall 78, Georgia 54

Lipscomb 84, Middle Tennessee 74

Longwood 65, VMI 45

Louisiana Tech 85, Louisiana Baptist 78

Louisiana-Lafayette 88, Southern U. 78

Marshall 66, Penn St. 59

Mississippi 83, Louisiana-Monroe 10

Murray St. 83, Prairie View 67

North Carolina 86, Charleston 68

NC State 80, Vanderbilt 65

Florida Tech 66, Connecticut Southern 78

Evansville 65, Albion 49

Gonzaga 103, Creighton 92

Green Bay 85, Indiana 67

Idaho 67, North Dakota 54

Indiana 68, Northwestern 66

Kansas 60, Stanford 84, OT

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Loyola of Chicago 73, Ill.-Chicago 64

Marquette 83, Kansas St. 71

Michigan 85, Michigan State 65

Michigan 85, Purdue 57

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Ohio 101, Marshall 84

SC State 82, N. Iowa 50

St. Francis, Ill. 84, SIU-Edwardsville 61

St. Dakota 71, W. Michigan 66

St. Joseph 84, Butler 52

San Diego St. 75, Loyola 65

South Dakota 68, SC Bakersfield 56

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UMKC 90, Purdue Fort Wayne 73

W. Illinois 75, St. Missouri 63

Wichita St. 71, Baylor 63

Xavier 73, Oakland 63

#### SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 121, FIU 89

Houston 65, Oregon 61

Lamar 75, Rice 68

Rio Grande 76, Texas-Arlington 65

Stephen F. Austin 66, Milwaukee 51

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL



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Coach Bill Self and Kansas won their sixth consecutive game to start the season.

## Roundup

# Vick lifts No. 2 Kansas

Senior guard scores 27 as Jayhawks escape Stanford in OT

Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Lagerald Vick hit the tying three-pointer in the closing seconds of regulation, and then had eight of his 27 points in overtime to lead No. 2 Kansas past Stanford 90-84 in overtime.

Daejon Davis hit two free throws with 13.3 seconds left to push the Cardinal's lead to 75-72 after driving in and drawing a foul by Dedric Lawson. Devon Dotson then found Vick for the tying three with just 7 seconds left.

Vick then opened overtime with another three and followed it with a dunk that set the Allen Fieldhouse crowd into a frenzy. He kept it going the next time down, hitting his seventh three to make it an eight-point game.

Lawson finished with 24 points and 15 rebounds, and Udoka Azubuike had 18 points and nine rebounds for the Jayhawks (6-0).

KZ Okpalaka had 22 points and eight rebounds for Stanford (4-4). Davis added 19 points and eight boards, and Isaac White had 15 points on five threes.

**No. 3 Duke 113, Stetson 49:** Freshman RJ Barrett had 26 points, seven rebounds and a season-high seven assists in the Blue Devils' rout of the visiting Hatters.

Cameron Reddick scored 23 points and Zion Williamson finished with 17 to help Duke (7-1) win its second straight.

Barrett played just 17 minutes, but that was long enough to challenge for the Blue Devils' first triple-double in nearly 13 years.

Abayomi Iyiola scored 19 points to lead Stetson (1-8), which has lost eight straight and were 2-for-23 from three-point range.

**No. 5 Nevada 73, Southern California 61:** Jordan Caroline scored 22 points and the No. 5 Wolf-pack took control with a dominant second half to beat the host Trojans and equal their 8-0 start from last season.

TréShawn Thurman added 14 points and nine rebounds and Chase Martin had 12 points for Nevada, which outscored USC 39-26 over the final 20 minutes. Nick Rakocicive had 20 points and 12 rebounds for the Trojans (5-3) as their three-game winning streak ended.

**No. 7 Michigan 76, No. 19 Purdue 57:** Jordan Poole scored 21 points as part of a balanced offense and the host Wolverines were stingy on defense as they routed a third-ranked team this season.

**No. 10 Kentucky 78, UNC Greensboro 61:** Reid

Travis scored 22 points, Keldon Johnson added six of his 13 points during a 14-2 second half run and the host Wildcats won their seventh straight.

**Marquette 83, No. 12 Kansas State 71:** Markus Howard scored 45 points and went 19 of 21 from the foul line, and the host Golden Eagles used tight defense to hand the Wildcats their first loss.

Sacar Anim added 16 points for Marquette (6-2), which outbounded Kansas State 34-25.

**No. 13 Va. Tech 94, Central Conn. St. 40:** Ahmed Hill scored 24 points to lead the host Hokies past the Blue Devils. Hill's game was part of a record-setting evening for Virginia Tech (6-1), which set a school record by making 18 three-pointers against Central Connecticut State (4-5).

**Houston 65, No. 18 Oregon 61:** Armoni Brooks had 22 points and nine rebounds, Nate Hinton added 14 points and the host Cougars beat the Ducks to win their 20th straight home game.

**No. 20 Texas Tech 78, Memphis 67:** Tariq Owens had 13 points and 11 rebounds and tied a career high with eight blocks, Jarrett Culver scored 14 of his 20 points in the second half and the Red Raiders rallied to beat the Tigers at the HoopHall Miami Invitational.

**No. 21 Buffalo 85, San Francisco 81:** Nick Perkins scored 22 points, Jeremy Hanks added 15 with eight rebounds and the Bulls held off the Dons in the title game of the Basketball Hall of Fame Belfast Classic in Northern Ireland.

**No. 23 Villanova 85, La Salle 78:** Eric Paschall scored 27 points, Phil Booth had 19 and the Wildcats held off the Explorers' upset bid in Philadelphia.

Villanova (6-2) hasn't lost a city series game since Dec. 5, 2012 against Temple.

**No. 24 Maryland 66, Penn State 59:** Freshman Jalen Smith scored 16 points, Bruno Fernando had 12 points and 13 rebounds and the host Terrapins opened Big Ten play by slipping past Penn State.

**Pacific 82, Air Force 69:** Lafayette Dorsey scored 19 points and the Tigers beat the visiting Falcons. Dorsey was 6 of 11 from the floor and made all six of his free-throw attempts.

**Brown 67, Navy 50:** Desmond Cambridge scored 29 points missing just six of 18 shots and the Bears defeated the Midshipmen in Annapolis, Md.

**Army 63, Fairfield 60:** Matt Wilson scored 19 points, John Emorie added 16 with four steals and a crucial block in the last half-minute as the host Black Knights fought past the Stags.

## Norvell's late charge leads No. 1 Gonzaga

By ERIC OLSON  
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Gonzaga's Zach Norvell Jr. got off to a slow start against Creighton for the second year in a row. Like last year, he finished with a flurry.

Norvell scored 23 of his career-high 28 points in the second half, and top-ranked Gonzaga wiped out an early double-digit deficit over beat Creighton 103-92 on Saturday.

Norvell's shot was off throughout the first 20 minutes. Coming out of halftime, coach Mark Few drew up a play just for him. Norvell took a pass from Rui Hachimura, went hard to the basket and converted a three-point play. He scored nine of the Zags' first 11 points of the half.

"When he makes his first one," Few said, "it's game on."

Norvell has had a habit of starting slowly. Gonzaga, missing two key players because of injury, needed all the points he could provide against a high-scoring Creighton team.

"I wanted to be aggressive starting off the half, get myself a chance to get going," Norvell said, "and it went well."

Last year, Norvell scored all 21 of his 13 points in the second half in a 91-74 come-from-behind victory over the Bluejays in Spokane, Washington.

"We played 40 minutes of pretty good basketball against them the last two years," Creighton coach Greg McDermott said. "Unfortunately, those 40 minutes didn't happen the same day. They are a problem to get stopped."

The Bulldogs (8-0), who took over the No. 1 ranking this week after beating Duke in the Maui



NATE HARRIN/AP

Gonzaga's Zach Norvell Jr. scored a career-high 28 points in the Bulldogs' 103-92 victory over Creighton on Saturday.

Invitational, overcame a boisterous crowd of more than 18,000 at the CHI Health Center to win in their first true road game.

"It was just a great basketball game, and I'm not saying that just because we ended up on top," Few said. "It was really high-level play going on, high-level shot-making. Creighton's offense is really something special."

Norvell said the Zags can build off the win.

"It was big-time for us," he said. "We wanted to take the fight to them. It didn't go well for us the first half. They made some tough shots. We were able to stay with it, stay poised and confident, and we were able to get a win."

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## NHL

## Scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Tampa Bay	27	19	8	0	38	98	70		
Toronto	27	19	8	0	38	93	73		
Colorado	26	15	9	2	31	87	72		
Boston	26	14	8	4	32	71	64		
Washington	27	13	13	1	27	82	85		
Detroit	26	12	11	3	27	76	85		
Ottawa	27	12	12	3	27	98	109		
Florida	26	10	15	1	21	62	81		
Metropolitan Division									
Washington	25	15	7	3	33	90	77		
Columbus	26	15	9	2	32	90	83		
N.Y. Islanders	27	14	10	3	29	76	72		
Carolina	26	12	9	4	28	69	69		
N.Y. Rangers	27	13	12	2	28	77	84		
Pittsburgh	25	10	14	1	21	60	82		
Philadelphia	25	11	12	2	24	76	88		
New Jersey	25	9	11	5	23	74	86		

## Western Conference

Central Division									
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Nashville	27	18	8	1	37	88	66		
N.Y. Islanders	26	15	9	2	31	87	72		
Winnipeg	25	15	8	2	32	87	74		
Dallas	27	14	10	3	31	74	71		
St. Louis	26	14	10	2	30	83	84		
Chicago	27	9	13	5	23	50	71		
San Jose	26	9	13	3	21	74	85		
Pacific Division									
Calgary	26	15	9	2	32	78	70		
Anaheim	28	13	10	5	31	64	78		
San Jose	27	12	10	5	29	82	88		
Vancouver	26	12	11	3	27	70	79		
Edmonton	26	13	11	2	28	70	79		
Los Angeles	26	10	14	2	22	68	84		
Vancouver	29	11	15	3	25	82	102		
Los Angeles	26	9	13	5	23	68	84		

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

## Friday games

Florida 3, Buffalo 2, OT

San Jose 5, New Jersey 3

Anaheim 2, Carolina 1, OT

Calgary 4, Los Angeles 1

St. Louis 3, Colorado 2, OT

## Saturday's games

Ottawa 6, Vancouver 1

San Jose 5, N.Y. Rangers 2

Toronto 5, Minnesota 3

Winnipeg 4, New Jersey 3, OT

Tampa Bay 5, Florida 4, OT

Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 1

Detroit 4, Boston 2

San Jose 5, Los Angeles 1

Nashville 5, Chicago 2

Edmonton 2, Vegas 1

## Sunday's games

Anaheim at Washington

San Jose at New Jersey

San Jose at Rangers

Philadelphia at Detroit

Calgary at Chicago

Carolina at Los Angeles

## Monday's games

Tampa Bay at New Jersey

San Jose at Nashville

Edmonton at Dallas

## Tuesday games

N.Y. Rangers 5, Rangers 2

Montreal 1, Montreal 2

First Period—1, Montreal, 1-0

Second Period—1, Montreal, 1-0

Third Period—1, Montreal, 1-0

Goalies—Dorion, 35:32, Montreal, Weber 2 (Gallagher, Traub), 19:52

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh, 14:11 (Pittsburgh), 14:11 (Pittsburgh), 14:11 (Pittsburgh)

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh, 14:11 (Pittsburgh), 14:11 (Pittsburgh)

Penalty minutes—Pittsburgh, 14:11 (Pittsburgh), 14:11 (Pittsburgh)

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Lightning center Brayden Point, left, scores the winning goal against Panthers goaltender James Reimer during overtime on Saturday.

## Islanders 3, Blue Jackets 2

Columbus 0 2 1-3

N.Y. Islanders 0 2 1-3

Second Period—1, Columbus, Hamkainen 4 (Jones), 6:46, 2, Columbus, Dubois 13 (Anisimov), 8:33, 3, N.Y. Islanders, Loe (Mayfield, Eller), 11:39, 4, N.Y. Islanders, Beaulieu 7 (Mayfield, Bailey), 15:24.

Goalies—Columbus, 5:15, N.Y. Islanders, 5:15.

Shots on Goal—Columbus 9-5, N.Y. Islanders, 10-8.

Power-play opportunities—Columbus 0-2, N.Y. Islanders 9-0.

Penalty minutes—Columbus, 10-8 (20), N.Y. Islanders, 9-11 (22).

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## Shots on Goal—Toronto 8-7-3.

Minnesota 11-12-18-41.

Goalies—Toronto, 8-7-3, Minnesota, 11-12-18-41.

Power-play opportunities—Toronto 1-0, Minnesota 0-3.

Penalty minutes—Toronto, 11-12-18-41, Minnesota, 11-12-18-41.

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# BOXING/COLLEGE FOOTBALL/SOCCER



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Deontay Wilder, left, connects with Tyson Fury during a heavyweight championship fight on Saturday.

## Wilder fights Fury to draw, keeps heavyweight belt

By GREG BEACHAM  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Tyson Fury dominated long stretches of his heavyweight title bout against Deontay Wilder with shifty technique and graceful defense.

He still ended up flat on the canvas in the 12th round, his eyes rolling backward while Wilder celebrated above him.

Fury somehow gathered his wits, rose and made it to the final bell. That's when both hulking men heard a verdict that didn't satisfy them, but nearly guaranteed a rematch of this exciting showdown.

Wilder and Fury fought to a split draw Saturday night, with Wilder retaining his WBC heavyweight title after knocking down his British challenger twice.

"One hundred percent we'll do the rematch," Fury said. "We are two great champions. Me and this man are the two best heavyweights on the planet."

Wilder (40-0-1) floored Fury (27-0-1) in the ninth and final round, yet Fury clearly outboxed Wilder for large portions of their meeting at Staples Center.

Fury appeared to be on his way to a decision victory when

he came out for the final round — and a minute later, he looked totally finished when Wilder put him on his back with a right-left combination. Yet Fury rose, summoning strength at the critical moment of his comeback from a 2½-year ring absence amid bouts of drug abuse and depression.

"I hope I did you all proud after nearly three years out of the ring," Fury said. "I was never going to be knocked out tonight. I showed good heart to get up. I came here tonight and I fought my heart out."

While Wilder kept his belt, Fury remained the unofficial lineal champion of the heavyweight division by virtue of his victory over Wladimir Klitschko in November 2015.

Judge Robert Tapper scored the fight 114-112 for Fury, while Alejandro Rochin favored Wilder 115-111. Judge Phil Edwards and The Associated Press scored it a 113-113 draw, with Wilder's knockdowns compensating for Fury's superior technique.

"We gave each other all we've got," Wilder said. "We're the best in the world. The respect was mutual."

While both men thought they won, neither was overly upset

by the verdict in front of a frenzied Hollywood crowd. They embraced warmly and immediately talked about a rematch in the spring.

"When you get two warriors, you get a great fight," Wilder said. "That's what we proved tonight, and I'm ready to do it again."

The bout was a rare meeting of two unbeaten heavyweight stars in their apparent primes, with both fighters putting aside caution and the typical squabbles over money or belts to stage one of the most compelling matchups in the glamour division's recent history.

And the fighters delivered, each in his unique way. The 6-foot-9 Fury spent nearly every moment of the fight nimbly avoiding Wilder's punches in a masterful display — except for the two moments when the 6-foot-7 Wilder viciously knocked him to the canvas.

A punch to the top of Fury's head shockingly put him down in the ninth, but he bounced up quickly.

With just two minutes left in the fight, Wilder buckled Fury's knees with a right hand and knocked him senseless with a perfect left on the way down.

four decades; Steve Sampson was 38 when he took over in 1995.

"He is a coach that is learning at all times," said U.S. general manager Earnie Stewart, who made the decision approved Saturday by the U.S. Soccer Federation board of directors. "Every single day he tries to develop himself so he can be a better leader for the team that he has. That is something that really stood out with Gregg and went a long way in the decision to offer him the job."

Berhalter's 47-year-old brother, Jay, is the U.S. Soccer Federation's chief commercial and strategy officer.

## Berhalter hired as US soccer coach

By RONALD BLUM  
Associated Press

Gregg Berhalter was hired Sunday to coach the U.S. men's national team, making him the first person to run the team after playing for the Americans at the World Cup.

Berhalter, who spent the past five seasons as coach of Major League Soccer's Columbus Crew, represents a generational change for an American team staggered by its failure to reach this year's World Cup after seven straight appearances at soccer's showcase.

A native of Englewood, N.J.,

Berhalter grew up in Tenafly and played alongside future U.S. captain Claudio Reyna at Saint Benedict's Prep in Newark.

Berhalter's Columbus teams succeeded despite one of the league's lowest payrolls.

"They try to keep the ball. He's got ideas and a style of play that they stick to," U.S. goalkeeper Brad Guzan said. "That guidance will be important going forward."

The 45-year-old was long viewed as the front-runner for a job that stayed open for nearly 14 months. He is the second youngest coach for the Americans in

## Spot: Committee 'went with the one-loss conference champion'

### FROM BACK PAGE

Georgia (11-2) dropped a spot to fifth and Ohio State (12-1) remained sixth in the selection committee's final top 25 released Sunday. The Bulldogs lost a dramatic Southeastern Conference championship game to Alabama on Saturday while the Buckeyes won the Big Ten championship against Northwestern.

"In the end one-loss conference champion with their only loss being on a neutral field to a ranked team, which they avenged in their conference championship," selection committee chairman Rob Mullens said on ESPN. "Every combination was vetted, looking at their full body of work, their resumes side-by-side. In the end, what we decided was amongst the group of three, Oklahoma, Georgia, Ohio State, the committee voted that no one was unequivocally better than the other so then we leaned on the protocol. So we went with the one-loss conference champion."

Selection committee protocol states conference championships work as a virtual tiebreaker when teams are close.

The Sooners beat Texas for the Big 12 title on Saturday, paying back a three-point loss in October in the Red River Rivalry.

Oklahoma is making its third appearance in the five-year-old playoff. Alabama has played in them all. Clemson is making its fourth straight appearance.

Notre Dame is in the playoff for the first time, making it 10 teams in five seasons to participate in the playoff. Unbeaten UCF, eighth in the CFP rankings coming into Sunday, was nowhere to be found in the committee's playoff discussion. The Knights will take their 25-game winning streak to a marquee bowl game, probably the Fiesta Bowl.

The debate leading up to championship Saturday was whether Oklahoma or Ohio State might

take the fourth spot if Alabama beat Georgia.

The wild card was Georgia beating the mighty Tide, which could have meant two SEC teams for the second straight season. Instead, the Bulldogs lost but played well enough to allow coach Kirby Smart to make that case that Georgia should remain in the top four. Smart told reporters after the SEC title game to ask Alabama coach Nick Saban which of the teams he would like to avoid in the playoff? Saban, of course, endorsed his former defensive coordinator and conference-mate.

The committee didn't buy it and stayed with one consistent data point throughout the five years of playoff selections: No team with more than one loss has ever made the playoff. Of the 20 teams that have been selected, only two have not won a conference title.

Notre Dame's inclusion means for the second straight season two of the Power Five conferences were left out — and for the second straight season it was the Big Ten and Pac-12. Ohio State was the first team out last season and again appears to have gotten squeezed because of a lopsided loss to an unranked team. The Buckeyes were blown out by Purdue in October, similar to the way they lost at Iowa in 2017.

The Pac-12 was never really in the discussion, with its champion Washington finishing 10-3.

Georgia had both two losses and a blowout loss (at LSU, by 20 in October). The Bulldogs have been rolling since and had Alabama on the ropes before the Tide erased a 14-point deficit. The Bulldogs proved they could hang against the best, but it was not enough.

Oklahoma has had defensive issues all season, but its offense has been virtually unstoppable. The committee moved past the defensive issues and went with what has worked before.



JEFFREY MCWHORTER/AP

Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray, left, looks to pass as Texas linebacker Anthony Wheeler applies pressure during the first half of the Big 12 championship on Saturday in Arlington, Texas.



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



CHARLIE NEIBERGER/AP

Iowa State running back David Montgomery, left, breaks a tackle by Drake defensive back Alex Rogers, right, during the second half Saturday in Ames, Iowa. No. 24 Iowa State won 27-24.

## No. 24 Iowa State barely avoids upset

By LUKE MEREDITH

Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — Iowa State insisted on playing 12 games, cycling through a pair of FCS opponents before settling on tiny Drake.

That decision nearly resulted in the most embarrassing loss in school history.

David Montgomery ran for 145 yards and two touchdowns and No. 24 Iowa State survived a near-upset by the non-scholarship Bulldogs on Saturday, winning 27-24.

Brock Purdy had 153 yards passing and a TD and ran for another score for the Cyclones (8-4), who fought through persistent rain and a muddy, torn-up field for their seventh win in eight games.

It hardly felt like a victory, though, against a team that agreed to play this makeup game only two weeks ago, and Iowa State coach Matt Campbell blamed the close call on execution instead of effort. "I don't know that we played with great detail on a surface like that, where every inch matters," Campbell said.

Iowa State's opener against South Dakota State was canceled (lightning) and the Jackrabbits' replacement, Incarnate Word, backed out after reaching the FCS playoffs.

The Bulldogs, buoyed by conditions that made footing more important than formations, forced turnovers on back-to-back possessions to open the second half.

They turned the second one, a pick of Kyle Kempf, into a 19-yard TD pass from Grant Kraemer to Devin Cates and a stunning 24-20 lead with 3:37 left in the third quarter.

That finally woke the Cyclones up.

They responded with a 7-yard touchdown reception by DeShaunte Jones to jump back on top, and Spencer Benton and JaQuan Bailey came up with huge fourth-quarter sacks to force Drake punts.

Montgomery's 2-yard run on a 3rd-down-and-1 with 1:26 left sealed it for the relieved Cyclones.

"Sometimes people outside of our program define us because we're non-scholarship," Drake coach Rick Fox said. "I think you saw the kind of guys, the kind of athletes, the kind of competitors we have."

Kraemer threw for 221 yards and three TDs for the Bulldogs (7-4). They outgained Iowa State 279-273.

**The takeaway:** The Cyclones have long prided themselves on having one of the nation's best grass gridirons. But seven home games and a morning filled with sleet, snow and rain literally leveled the playing field. It was so muddy that Iowa State's band wasn't allowed to perform at halftime. Still, the Cyclones looked uninspired at best — and it might have made them less desirable when bowls made their picks Sunday.

# UCF rallies for AAC title

By FRED GOODALL

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Unbeaten UCF updated its sparkling résumé with an impressive come-from-behind victory over Memphis in the American Athletic Conference title game.

But the seventh-ranked Knights (12-0), who proclaimed themselves national champions last January after finishing as the only undefeated team in the FBS and own the nation's longest winning streak, failed to get into the College Football Playoff.

"Our football team has now won 25 straight games. They deserve to be in this playoff, and I hope that's a decision that's made (Sunday)," athletic director Danny White said after Saturday's 56-41 victory over Memphis and before the playoff teams were announced. "If that does not occur, I think that's another pretty glaring example a four-team playoff is not adequate for the postseason."

Darriel Mack Jr. shrugged off two early turnovers to rush for four second-half touchdowns and rally the Knights past the Tigers (8-5) for the fourth time in two seasons.

With the red-shirt freshman filling in for injured quarterback McKenzie Milton, UCF (12-0) amassed 698 yards total offense and tightened defensively after shaky start to limit Memphis to three points after halftime.

Mack completed 19 of 27 passes for 348 yards and two touchdowns without an interception. He began the Knights' comeback from a 17-point halftime deficit with a 54-yard TD pass to Otis Anderson and finished the Tigers off with scoring runs of 2, 2, and 5 yards in the fourth quarter.

"Everybody has confidence in [Mack]. You saw that tonight," UCF coach Josh Heupel said. "He has a lot of confidence in himself, too."

Greg McCree rushed for 206 yards and one TD for the Knights, who beat the Tigers 62-55 in the 2017 AAC title game and rallied from a 16-point second-half deficit to win 31-30 at Memphis during the regular season.

This time, UCF trailed 38-21 at halftime before



STEPHEN M. DOWELL, ORLANDO SENTINEL/AP

UCF quarterback Darriel Mack Jr. celebrates after he scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter against Memphis during the AAC Championship in Orlando on Saturday. UCF won 56-41.

scoring touchdowns on five straight possessions in the second half.

"Our locker room was extremely calm at halftime," Heupel said. "There was a great belief because this was a situation we've already been in with Memphis the first time around. I don't think anyone blinked an eye."

Darrell Henderson scored on runs of 62, 12 and 82 yards and also threw a 4-yard TD pass to help Memphis (8-5) build its big halftime lead.

But the nation's second-leading rusher only gained 3 yards on six carries in the second half, finishing with 210 yards on 16 carries.

"This was a learning experience for us," Henderson said.

"It was a hard-fought matchup between two really good football teams. They made more plays than we did in the second half," Memphis coach Mike Norvell said. "I'm proud of our football team and proud of the way these guys competed this season to help us get to the game. Obviously we're disappointed in the outcome. Whenever you come up short it hurts everybody."

## Fresno State gets past Boise State

By JASON CHATRAW

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Ronnie Rivers didn't find many open holes while running the ball for Fresno State in a snowy Mountain West championship game.

And he didn't have one on his final run Saturday night. But it didn't matter.

Rivers took an option pitch and shredded a tackler before scampering into the end zone to give No. 24 Fresno State a 19-16 overtime victory over No. 19 Boise State for the Bulldogs' first conference title since 2013.

His score came after Haden Hoggarth hit a 23-yard field goal on Boise State's opening possession of overtime.

Fresno State (11-2, No. 25 CFP), which was 1-11 two years ago before Jeff Tedford arrived to right the ship, has completed its return to college football relevance and seems poised to challenge Boise State for conference supremacy in the near future.

Boise State (10-3, No. 22 CFP) was victimized again on a big stage by its special teams, missing a 42-yard field goal and having an extra point blocked late in the fourth quarter that sent the game to overtime.

Rivers' game-winning touch-



STEVE CONNER/AP

Fresno State running back Ronnie Rivers (20) carries against Boise State during the second half of the Mountain West championship game Saturday in Boise, Idaho. Fresno State won 19-16.

down set off a wild celebration with Fresno State players sliding across the snow-covered field and making snow angels. And after losing all nine games the Bulldogs had previously played on the Broncos signature blue turf, the celebration was a long-awaited one.

When Tedford arrived at Fresno State — a program that built a national reputation on former coach Pat Hill's mantra to play "anybody, anywhere, anytime" — the program was a shell of its

former self.

Tedford was a former assistant at Fresno State. One of the first recruits Tedford pursued was Rivers, whose father Ron Rivers starred at Fresno State in the early 1990s and played six seasons in the NFL.

"It was hard sledding tonight running the football, but he just kept battling for yards and made that count in the end," Tedford said of Rivers, who finished with 63 yards.

## Scoreboard

### Saturday's games

**EAST**  
Colgate 23, Johns Madison 20  
Maine 55, Jacksonville St. 27  
**SOUTH**  
Alabama 35, Georgia 28  
Alcorn St. 37, Southern U. 28  
Appalachian St. 30, Louisiana-Lafayette 19

Colson 42, Pittsburg 10  
Kennesaw St. 13, Wofford 10  
Liberty 52, Norfolk St. 17  
North Carolina 37, East Carolina 3  
South Carolina 28, Akron 3  
UAB 27, Middle Tennessee 25

UCF 56, Memphis 41  
Virginia Tech 41, Marshall 30  
**MIDWEST**

Iowa St. 27, Drake 24  
N. Dakota St. 52, Montana St. 10  
Ohio St. 45, Northwestern 28  
S. Dakota St. 51, Duquesne 6

**SOUTHWEST**  
Oklahoma 39, Texas 27  
**FAR WEST**

E. Washington 42, Nicholls 21  
Fresno St. 19, Boise St. 16, OT  
Stanford 23, California 13  
UC Davis 23, N. Iowa 16  
Weber St. 48, SE Missouri 23

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Ohio State holds off No. 21 Northwestern

By MICHAEL MAROT  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Dwayne Haskins and Urban Meyer revelled in the victory celebration Saturday night.

Haskins made his case to win the Heisman Trophy by throwing five more touchdown passes, the Buckeyes defense fended off a second half charge from then-No. 21 Northwestern and Meyer put his hands on a third conference championship trophy in five years as the conversation quickly turned to the more immediate fate of No. 6 Ohio State.

"This means representing the Big Ten Conference, arguably the best conference in college football, and the East Division, arguably the best division in college football," Meyer said after a 45-24 victory. "I think all you have to do is look is at the body of work. We went on the road and won some tough games — TCU, Penn State and Michigan State. The way we played against our rival (Michigan) and the way we played tonight, I think we deserve a shot."

The Buckeyes, who moved up to No. 5 in the new rankings Sunday, but just out of the College Football Playoff, have won five straight overall, piling up 107 points in the last two games — against two stingy defenses.

Haskins was lights out again Saturday, finishing 34-for-41 with 499 yards and one interception and was an easy choice as the

game's MVP.

"We got a win, that's all that matters," Haskins said. "I could have thrown for 80 yards or 600 yards. All we needed to do was win the game."

The Buckeyes started fast — scoring just 10 plays into the game when scrambled to avoid a sack and bought just enough time to hook up with Terry McLaurin for a 16-yard TD pass.

And after allowing John Moten IV to tie the score with a 77-yard TD run mid-way through the first quarter, Ohio State closed out the half with a flurry. J.K. Dobbins scored on a 2-yard run, Blake Haubel made a 42-yard field goal and McLaurin caught a 42-yard TD pass from Haskins to give the Buckeyes a seemingly safe 24-7 halftime lead.

The Wildcats answered quickly in the second half.

Clayton Thorson scored on an 18-yard run to make it 24-14 and his 2-yard TD pass to Cameron Green made it 24-21 with 8:03 left in the third quarter. Thorson went 27-for-44 with 267 yards, one TD and two interceptions for the Wildcats (8-5, 8-2, No. 21).

"I talked to them (at halftime) and said 'Hey, we've been here before. Let's get a great first drive, let's go score and get momentum,'" Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald said. "To our guys' credit, we were obviously able to get that done. We just couldn't get over the hump, though."



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Ohio State quarterback Dwayne Haskins looks to throw during the first half of the Big Ten championship against Northwestern on Saturday in Indianapolis.

Instead, Haskins found Chris Olave for a 29-yard TD pass and sealed the win with two more touchdown passes in the final 10 minutes — a 9-yarder to Johnnie Dixon and a 17-yarder to Dobbins.

The ensuing celebrations included Haskins striking the Heisman pose, Meyer hugging those around him and Buckeyes players waving championship memorabilia.

"There are a lot of great football teams out there and we're one of those great football teams," said Meyer, who has fended off questions about his future following a difficult offseason and a three-game suspension for his handling of domestic violence

allegations against a now-fired assistant. "I don't know if we're in position to start making statements about where we belong, but they have a tough decision to make."

**The takeaway:** Northwestern: The ascending Wildcats showed some true grit after an abysmal start, which could have buried them. Now they must find a way to clear the next hurdle and win a conference crown.

**Ohio State:** The Buckeyes played like one of the nation's top teams during a dominant first half and during closeout mode. But in between, they struggled to put away the Wildcats.

## Sooners avenge loss with Big 12 championship

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Kyler Murray had another Heisman Trophy-worthy performance, Oklahoma's much-maligned defense made some big key plays and the fifth-ranked Sooners won yet another conference title.

Murray was 25-for-34 passing for 379 yards and three touchdowns as the Sooners beat then-No. 9 Texas 39-27 in the Big 12 championship game Saturday, avenging their only loss and making their case for their third playoff appearance in four years.

The win helped propel the Sooners to No. 4 Sunday and an Dec. 29 College Football Playoff semifinal date with No. 1 Alabama in the Orange Bowl.

Two of Murray's TD throws were to Grant Calcaterra, who had an impressive one-handed grab for an 18-yard score on a third-and-10 play with two minutes left.

"That catch will live on in Oklahoma history forever," Riley said.

The Sooners (12-1, No. 5 CFP) won their seventh consecutive game — and became the first Power Five team to win four outright conference titles in a row since Florida in the SEC in the mid-1990s. Clemson (13-0, No. 2 CFP) matched them by winning its fourth ACC title in a row later Saturday with a win over



JEFFREY McWHORTER/AP

Oklahoma tight end Grant Calcaterra hauls in a one-handed TD catch in front of Texas defensive back B.J. Foster during the second half of the Big 12 Conference championship Saturday in Arlington, Texas.

Pittsburgh.

Sam Ehlinger was 23-for-36 passing for 349 yards with two touchdowns and also ran for two scores for Texas (9-4). But his final pass was picked off by Tre Norwood at the 1 in the final minute, and there was also a critical safety.

Two plays after Oklahoma's only turnover, receiver CeeDee Lamb fumbled inside the 10 after a 54-yard catch-and-

run with nine minutes left, the Sooners got points anyway. Cornerback Tre Brown blitzed and sacked Ehlinger in the end zone for a safety that made it 32-27.

"Our defense did a great job getting the ball back to us. Offensively we didn't take care of our part of the bargain," Ehlinger said. "That's on us, that's on me. I will make it my mission to never let this team or this school feel this disappointment again."

That was a huge play for a Sooners defense that had allowed at least 40 points in each of the previous four games — three of those being OU victories by a combined nine points.

Asked if the Sooners' defense is good enough to win a national title this season, Riley quickly answered yes.

"Based on we beat everybody on our schedule. You've got to win by one point, these games, the

last time I checked," Riley said. "We've had some of our best performances here the last couple of weeks, in huge, huge games, huge moments against dynamic offenses."

Lamb caught the ball near midfield, cut inside, and spun around another defender toward the middle of the field when he was crushed from behind by linebacker Gary Johnson, knocking the ball loose. Lamb did have six catches for 167 yards, including a 28-yard touchdown in the first half.

The 144th meeting between the Red River rivals was their first in a championship game — and the first time since 1903 they had played twice in the same season. Every game since 1929 had been played about 20 miles away at the State Fair of Texas, where the Longhorns beat Oklahoma 48-45 eight weeks ago.

Oklahoma never trailed again after Murray threw TDs on its last two drives before halftime for a 20-14 lead, on Calcaterra's 6-yard TD pass in the final minute when the Sooners were out of timeouts but went 80 yards in five plays.

The Sooners were up 27-21 until Ehlinger threw a 5-yard TD to Lil'Jordan Humphrey with 2:44 left in the third quarter. But the extra point that would have put Texas ahead was partially blocked and bounced off the crossbar no good.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

Alabama quarterback Jalen Hurts celebrates a rushing touchdown against Georgia during the second half of the Tide's 35-28 win in the Southeastern Conference championship Saturday.

## Alabama's Hurts so good

## Backup leads Tide's second-half rally for SEC title

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Jalen Hurts spent most of the season watching from the sideline, cheering on the guy who took his job and hoping for one more chance to lead the Alabama Crimson Tide.

He didn't pout. He didn't gripe. He didn't tantrum.

On Saturday, Hurts got the call.

Hurts threw for one touchdown and ran for another with just over a minute to go, rallying No. 1 Alabama to a 35-28 victory over then-No. 4 Georgia in the Southeastern Conference championship game. It was a stunning twist on the scenario that played out less than 11 months earlier on the very same field.

"I've probably never been more proud of a player than Jalen," coach Nick Saban said.

If they had pitched this script to Hollywood, it would've been laughed out of the room for being too implausible. In last season's national title game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, during these same two teams, Tua Tagovailoa replaced an ineffective Hurts at the start of the second half with Alabama trailing Georgia 13-0. The replacement threw three touchdown passes, including a 41-yarder in overtime that gave the Tide a stunning 26-23 victory.

Tagovailoa won the starting job outright heading into this season and performed brilliantly before Saturday, throwing 36 touchdown passes with only two interceptions.

The SEC title game took a different path. Georgia put quite a beating on Tagovailoa, who was picked off twice, spent much of his spare time in the medical tent and was largely ineffective as the Bulldogs built a pair of two-touchdown leads.

Finally, with just over 11 minutes remaining, Tagovailoa went down for good after one of his own linemen stepped on his right foot as he attempted to throw.

Enter Hurts, who posted a 26-2 record as the starter before Tagovailoa claimed the job.

He calmly guided the Crimson Tide (13-0, No. 1 CFP) to a game-tying touchdown with a 10-yard

**'I've probably never been more proud of a player than Jalen.'**

Nick Saban

Alabama coach on quarterback Jalen Hurts

pass to Jerry Jeudy, capping a 16-play, 80-yard drive that consumed more than 7 minutes.

After Georgia (11-2, No. 4 CFP) was stuffed on a fake punt near midfield, Hurts took matters into his own hands for the winning score. Spotting an opening up the middle, he took off on a 15-yard TD run with 1:04 remaining.

"It's unprecedented to have a guy that won as many games as he won ... start as a freshman, only lose a couple of games the whole time that he was the starter, and then all of a sudden he's not the quarterback," Saban said. "How do you manage that? How do you handle that? You've got to have a tremendous amount of class and character to put team first, knowing your situation is not what it used to be."

Hurts completed 7 of 9 passes for 82 yards, to go along with five carries for 28 yards.

"It kind of feels like I'm breaking my silence," Hurts said.

He spoke loud and clear against the Bulldogs. And when he trotted off the field after the winning TD, Tagovailoa was one of the first teammates to greet him. Afterward, they stood side-by-side on the podium in the middle of the field while Alabama received its SEC championship trophy.

"When he went into the game," linebacker Mack Wilson said, "I was telling Dylan Moses, 'Man, it's like deja vu.' I was like, 'Watch him go in and bring us back and win the game.' I knew he was going to do that and I'm pretty sure everybody else did, too."

The Crimson Tide, the defending national champion, is headed back to the College Football Playoff semifinals, where it will play new No. 4 Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl Dec. 29.

"I know at Alabama, there's always an opportunity to win," Hurts said. "I'm so happy, so happy for everybody."

## Clemson crushes Pitt in ACC championship

By STEVE REED  
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Exactly 10 years after being hired as head coach, Dabo Swinney made history with the Clemson Tigers.

Travis Etienne ran for 156 yards and two touchdowns, Trevor Lawrence threw two short scoring passes to Tee Higgins and No. 2 Clemson beat Pitt 42-10 on Saturday night on a rainy night to become the first team to win four straight Atlantic Coast Conference championship games.

"You can't be the best ever if you don't do things that have never been done," a triumphant Swinney said after the game.

Clemson (13-0, CFP No. 2) will face third-ranked Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl, a College Football Playoff semifinal, on Dec. 29.

As Swinney held up the championship trophy on the field after the game, he shouted to thousands of waterlogged fans clad in orange rain jackets: "I think we should just come back and do it again next year!"

"It's incredibly difficult to have the consistency that we have had," Swinney said.

Swinney called it a "gritty, sloppy, old school, grind-it-out win" on a muddy field.

Clemson turned to its running game and piled up 301 yards and four touchdowns and averaged 9 yards per carry on a night in which Lawrence was limited to 118 yards passing.

The defense forced three turnovers, including two in the first half that gave the offense the ball inside the Pitt 10 and led to 14 points. The Tigers limited Panthers quarterback Kenny Pickett to 8 yards passing and had nine tackles for a loss, including two sacks.

The Tigers entered the game as a 27½-point favorite and Swinney's team looked as if it would put Pitt away early after Etienne scored on his first two carries.

The ACC player of the year took a handoff on the first play from scrimmage, ran to the right,

## By the numbers

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Number of ACC titles the Tigers have won in a row.

156

Rushing yards for Clemson running back Travis Etienne, who also ran for two touchdowns.

SOURCE: Associated Press

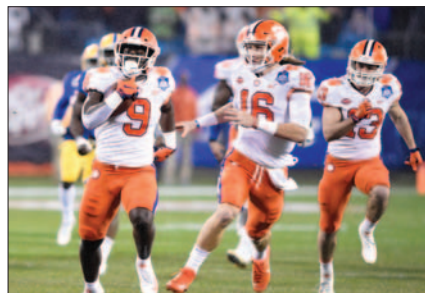
cut back and raced 75 yards for his 20th touchdown of the season — the quickest TD in the conference championship history. He added a second scoring run a few minutes later after Isaiah Simmons stripped Pickett of the ball and Christian Wilkins return it to the Pitt 3.

Etienne, the game's Most Outstanding Player, had 78 yards on his first two carries, surpassing Clemson's rushing total from last year's ACC title game win over Miami.

"All of that credit goes to the offensive line because they come in and grind every day of the week," Etienne said.

Pitt (7-6) would show signs of life though, scoring 10 straight points behind a 1-yard TD run by Qadree Ollison to cut the lead to 14-10.

But Lawrence found his fellow freshman Higgins on TD passes of 5 and 10 in the second quarter, the latter coming after a 38-yard interception return by A.J. Terrell, to take a 28-10 lead at halftime. Adam Choice and Lynn J. Dixon added fourth quarter touchdown runs for the Tigers.



MIKE MCCANN/AP

Clemson's Travis Etienne (9) runs for a touchdown against Pittsburgh as Trevor Lawrence (16) follows during Clemson's 42-10 win in the ACC championship on Saturday in Charlotte, N.C.



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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

# Making the cut

Oklahoma snags last spot, joins Alabama, Clemson, Notre Dame in semifinals

BY RALPH D. RUSSO  
Associated Press

**F**aced with a tricky choice, the College Football Playoff selection committee fell back on some simple criteria: One loss is better than two. Winning a conference championship is better than not. Go with the team that didn't get blown out.

Oklahoma is in the playoff, moving into the fourth and final spot Sunday after avenging its only loss by winning the Big 12 championship against Texas.

The Sooners (12-1) will face No. 1 Alabama (13-0) in the Orange Bowl on Dec. 29 in a matchup of Heisman Trophy front-runner quarterbacks — Kyler Murray of Oklahoma and the Tide's Tua Tagovailoa. No. 2 Clemson (13-0) plays No. 3 Notre Dame (12-0) in the Cotton Bowl on the same day.

The winners meet in the championship game on Jan. 7 in Santa Clara, Calif. The rest of the New Year's Six bowl pairings were to be announced later Sunday.

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